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JH

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 much; the gang is well organized over there. The same hold 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 Bnyomin, 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 Halsemi (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 add peace of any kind harmful because peace of any kind at best only a compromise (signed) Mohl". Not that I am a bitter ender, 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 Yiddishe Folk some time ago I did not send it because I did not know whom the bunch is with.

JULIAN W. MACK
U. S. CIRCUIT JUDGE
NEW YORK CITY

Woolworth Building,
July 11, 1921.

Dear Silver:

LDB is going to stay down for Monday too.
Straus will give a luncheon Monday noon, and see what he can
do among non-Zionists with LDB present.

As he will be here three days, we hope to
finish things up instead of having a second meeting, and I
therefore urge you to be down as well for Saturday, Sunday
and Monday.

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

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Der Besprechung vom 15 Juli 1921 in Prag. Anwesend die
Heren Dr. Katzenelson Chairman des JCT
I. Rosoff Director " "
Dr. Feiwel Governor " "
Dr. Jacobson " " "
I. Naiditch " " "
M. Ussischkin Director " "
Dr. Rappin als Gast.

Nach eingehender Besprechung sind sich die Anwesenden in der Frage des Häuserbankredit in Palastina auf folgende Punkte:

1. Der Jewish Colonial Trust wird auf Rechnung und Gefahr der engrundenden Hypothekenbank durch Vermittlung der A.P.C. in Jaffa 40,000 £ als Hypothek von 60% auf in Palastina anbauende kleine Häuser zum Classfuss von 8% und einer Amortisationsquote von 4½% anliehen.

2. Der Keren Hayesod wird einen Betrag von 40,000 £ solange beim JCT in Depot halten, bis die vom JCT ausgeliehenen 40,000 £ von der engrundenden Hypothekenbank übernommen und zurück bezahlt worden sind.

3. Der Keren Hayesod wird nach Gründung der Hypothekenbank 100,000 £ einschliesslich der obere genannten 40,000 £ zu Hypothekenkrediten in den Städten Palastinas zur Verfügung stellen.

Dr. N. Feiwel
Dr. V. Jacobson
I. Rosoff
I. Naiditch
Dr. N. Katzenelson
M. Ussischkin
Dr. A. Rappin

14 Chesterford Gardens,
Hampstead, N.W.

July 23, 1921.

Dear Judge Mack:

Thanks for your letter of June 21st.

I met Mr. Flexner once. Meanwhile he went to the country but will be back in some days. I hope to see him before I leave for the country.

Before Mr. Flexner left I spoke to him over the phone and told him that I just said Mr. Perlis of Haifa (Manager of the Hiram Import Co. a Danish Company with a share capital of £50,000) who informed me of the Palestinian Economic situation from his point of view.

Here they are:

The Economic conditions have considerably changed since we have been outthere. Articles of food went down 50% from January to May. They can be bought now in Egypt to world prices in such quantities as to exclude speculative risks. Palestine has come much nearer to the world market. Many important firms from America and Europe have their representatives out there. You therefore buy as cheap as elsewhere, - timber, cement, building materials of all kinds, agricultural machinery, Manchester goods. Iron is very cheap to be bought in Egypt at present.

You only buy what you need and avoid the fluctuation of prices which arises - apart from general causes out of the fluctuation of the rate of exchange in European countries. (Hiram lost, according to Perlis, on account of this changed condition in Palestine, all their profits and 5000 £ share capital.) Perlis is going now to Germany to induce people to import into Palestine, even without profit, in order to find new outlet for export goods and to establish connections of trade. The A & G in Berlin gave their representation for Palestine to the Hiram for all kind of technical articles. The London Product Corporation that is - according to Perlis - on liason with the (important) bank and Kleinwort Sons & Co. at London (who again is said to be connected with Skinner) has opened an unlimited six months credit to Hiram for all goods they buy through this Product Corporation.

Cooperative stores, as recommended by the Reorganization Commission must and can be developed without the aid of a Cooperative Wholesale Society.

What is needed for Palestine is - apart from the agricultural problem - credit in its various forms, further a company for the

promotion of industries and its participation (with capital) in such enterprises, further the erection of a house containing small workshops which lends electrical power (from dynamos) to artisans at Jerusalem, Jaffa, Haifa which will give good return. A good prospect and at the same time of the greatest use, especially with ~~respect~~ respect to the costs of living, would be the establishment of modern dairies near the three cities.

I give you this report for all it is worth. I have not had any possibility of checking this information. I am speaking to Rosoff about it. But it seems to me that - before you definitely decide what you start with - you must send out an expert on the spot who will know your ideas and projects and who will check them on the spot.

I understand that Vriesland is coming to Europe soon. I will speak to him too when I see him. Mrs. Simon as well as I reciprocate your regards cordially.

With all good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

WRHS (signed) Julius Simon.

I just saw Rosoff. He says that Perlis is right in the facts he has stated, but not right in the conclusion he has drawn. A wholesale society may not make profits, but may be able to regulate prices. A capital of £ 15/20000 is sufficient in his judgment. Perlis' conclusions cannot be taken at their face value, he is interested party. Rosoff also advises you to send first your representative to Palestine to investigate present conditions on the spot.

I would like to add the following re the wholesale society. As Szold knows we only reluctantly recommended such institution. We would have preferred that private initiative, which is subject to natural competition, does the whole business. We certainly did not want that the *raison d'être* of such society shall be to compete private initiative by easier conditions of payment but by lower prices only and better assortment. Now you have to find out whether this is still possible. We also would have preferred that cooperative stores develop from below by the mutual effort of the population alone.

It was only on account of the fact that we faced quite other conditions than these described above that we formed our conclusions.

I now made up my mind to send this letter via de Lieme and to ask him to add his own observations if necessary.

Yours very cordially,
(signed) JULIUS SIMON..

Dear Mr. Wolf,

Will you be so kind to lay before the Board my observations to the various points under discussion and to circulate among them my remarks to point 1

1. Mortgage Bank (Resolution of Members of the Board at Prague)

I understand from this resolution that the Board of the A.A. has decided to put £40,000 in cash at the disposal of the J.C.T. and to instruct the Trust to use this amount for the grant of mortgages in Palestine through the A.F.C. under certain conditions. The Trust and the A.F.C. will of course exercise the necessary care in using this money for the above mentioned purpose, but they cannot accept any responsibility either with regard to the legal or to the financial aspects of the matter.

The K.H. doubtless is well aware of the present insecure legal conditions of mortgages registration and foreclosure in Palestine which - apart from other considerations - render it difficult to use those mortgages as a basis for the issue of debentures. It is therefore up to the K.H. to give detailed instructions as to the manner of dealing with the whole matter and, at the same time, to state in writing and in a legally correct form approved by our lawyer that it frees the Trust and the A.F.C. from all responsibility.

To the matter itself, I beg to submit the following observations:- I understand that it is contemplated that the mortgages granted now must be taken over by the M.B. when formed. I am as well aware as other members of the Board of the urgent need for houses in Palestine. I have no doubt that the immediate grant of loans to the extent of £40,000 will relieve the situation considerably. I strongly feel however that you endanger the future of the M.B. in its sound and steady development by the acceptance of the proposed method to dispose of nearly half of the money appropriated for the M.B. before the bank exists, before its Board has been constituted and - above all - before a Manager has been appointed who understands his business and is in a position to examine all the intricate problems involved and is prepared to accept the responsibility for the loans granted. I do not hesitate to say - however unpopular it may be that my advice is to postpone any grant of mortgages out of funds laid aside for the M.B. until the Bank is properly organised, in order not to jeopardise an institution which, when properly managed from the outset, will be of considerable importance for the development of Palestine. You also limit the possibility of getting a first class manager of the Bank. Many may refuse to enter a Bank which has curtailed to such a degree his future activities by disposing of nearly half of the capital before the Bank came into existence. Many might refuse to accept the responsibility for a business policy of which they have now approved. Don't forget that the management of a Mortgage Bank is one of the most delicate affairs where you need very conservative men who understand how to handle financial affairs with care - who command the special knowledge required. There are any possibilities to decline responsibility. I not only think of possible negligence or of legal difficulties. I will give one further instance.

You contemplate giving preferential consideration to small, houses, merely cottages, and to grant loans up to 80% of the value (it is now said whether the value of the site is included or not but it is my considered opinion that its normal value must be included; under no circumstances however prices now prevailing in Palestine). There is every likelihood that a future manager will refuse to accept mortgages which represent 80% of the value. Although the prices for building material have considerably gone down during the last half year they still may not have reached the future normal level; new methods to cheapen small houses may bring prices further down in Palestine, the concentration on one type of house, as contemplated is a risk in itself, and the wear and tear of such houses is above the normal. Mortgages on small houses and on all houses in suburban districts may therefore not exceed 40% of its carefully ascertained normal

value when such mortgages shall still form a basis for debentures. There is every possibility that - in case the Government follows the European example and appoints its representative who has to approve of all mortgages which will form the basis of debentures - a government's representative will refuse high loans.

I would like to add a few further remarks.

The stipulations of the contract between giver and lender must reserve the lender the right to ask for the immediate repayment of the loan in case the debtor does not submit to the general rules and regulations of the Community with regard to his building or in case the debtor lets the house for an annual rent higher than say 15% of the cost price. If houses on hereditary leasehold are mortgaged, special arrangements must be made with the lesser in order to secure the mortgage. In connection with this I wish to draw the attention of those concerned to the resolution Boeh passed at the Jahreskonferenz with regard to the use of national capital. I beg to suggest that a copy of this resolution be sent to all quarters concerned and that expert opinion be asked for.

Workmens Bank

I already asked Mr. Wolf to get the Statutes and Articles of Association of the Bank and to lay them before the Board. We have to nominate a member of the Board of the Workmens Bank. I herewith ask that no decision is taken on this question until I am given the opportunity to express my views on the subject.

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A. N. S.

Jerusalem, July 26, 1921.

Judge Julian W. Mack
Hotel Ansonia
22 St. & Broadway
New York City

Dear Judge Mack:

I am writing to Miss Seligberg with this mail that I have definitely decided not to go to the Congress, in spite of the urging of my friends, and the shoals of American visitors who are coming to see Palestine before going to the Congress. On the other hand, it becomes clearer to me day by day, that as soon as Dr. Rubinstein returns from the Congress, I ought to go back to America to add such force as I *may* have to the forces that will be working there, in the reconstruction of the Women's Zionist Movement. Do you care to advise me on this point?

I only want to add one word in regard to the situation here. Day by day, it becomes more evident that your, or rather, our, attitude, has many many more sympathizers than any one dreamed of.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Henrietta Szold.

(Miss Szold in a letter to Hadasah Committee is strongly for coming back whether Congress does or does not turn over unit to Hadasah)

Copy.

July 31, 1921.

Dear Mr. Flexner:

I regretted very much that I had to go before I had another opportunity of seeing you. I am staying here with my family until August 25; will then be at London for 2 days and leave for Zionist Congress.

While I was in Holland I tried to find out whether a suitable person can be found there for the undertakings contemplated by the Palestine Development Council. I am enclosing 2 letters - one from Mr. Kana - the other from a Mr. Elnack whom I don't know. He apparently is an Austrian.

Since I had no opportunity of seeing you before I had to leave, I wrote to Judge Mack in detail about what I told you over the phone. It comes down to the following:

Mr. Perlis from the Hiram Export Co. (A Danish-Jewish Company with a capital of £60,000) at Haifa just returned from Palestine and tells me that the economic conditions have absolutely changed out there since we left. Palestine came much nearer to the world market. Important European and American houses have their agents in Palestine for all kinds of requirements, such as building material, Manchester goods, technical articles. He, himself is - among others - the representative of the AEG at Berlin. I London Export House (I have my notes not with me and cannot remember the name) which I connected with a firm of London Bankers K.....? and son who again is said to be connected with Stinnes, has offered to the Hiram an unlimited 6 months credit for all goods they are purchasing through that firm. Apart from these facilities in Palestine, Egypt is offering to cheap prices and you can buy there just the quantities you need without risking any fall of prices which - apart from general causes - might quickly develop on account of the depreciation of one or the other European currency.

In Perlis' judgment no wholesale society is necessary any more and cooperative stores can develop on their own.- What is really needed is a Promoting Company for industries which have capital enough to participate financially in these undertakings and credit in every form. He further recommends the erection of houses (one each in the 3 towns) where dynamos are installed and where rooms can be let and power be sold to artisans. He also thinks that 3 modern dairies (in each town one) will do well and give a great relief to the population.

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Mr. Flexner,- No. 2.

July 31, 1921.

I don't know how far we can take Mr. Perlis' observations at its face value. He is interested party. He may not want competition in his own sphere of activity. But other people have confirmed that prices went down in Palestine 50% within the last half year. It seems to me that you ought to have an expert on the spot before you decide definitely how to start.

Perhaps you care to see Mr. Rosoff who now lives in Palestine and who is at London at present. (The Jewish Colonial Trust knows his address.)

May I hope to see you when I am back in London at the end of this month?

Mrs. Simon as well as myself very much regret that we had not the pleasure of seeing Miss Flexner and yourself at our home this time, but we look forward to an opportunity soon.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Julius Simon.

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Field Head House
Outgate
Ambleside 8/5 21

act.
Dear Ben.

Your letter of July 25 and the proof of your statement for the Congress reached me here where I am going to stay until August 25th. I am sending both on to deLieme tonight. The statement is very good in most parts and the positive part of it is very well and ably represented. You have only shown too much of the -irrelevant- attempt to justify the future organisation (in the time of constructive work) with the best methods where nearly nothing was done in Palestine.

In some of the aggressive parts, especially in part II you have weakened strong facts by an exaggerated language.

I do not know whether LDB is fundamentally right in excluding from the P. D. C. all propaganda and centralised effort to organise forces, but for the time being the question hardly arises. First you have to show what you are able to do by your methods. You cannot expect that those who keep aloof from constructive work in Palestine will follow you because you have shown yourself strong in the negation of other people's unsound methods. Then you must show to the movement what is the difference in your method and that of the others. Then the time has come where you have to consider further steps.

I very much appreciate the rigid separation of functions between the Council and the Committee for propaganda.

I do not advise Van Vr. as Manager, but as one of something like a local board.

With much love

Yours

Julius

(COPY)

Field Head House

Ambleside

August 13 1921

Dearest Ben.

I just got your note of August 2nd.

~~not yet wrote to you so does that not mean that she does
not speak of you, think of you in all the love she feels for her dear
good comrade, especially in the time of my stay in Palestine~~

Today the Jewish Chr. reaches me with the American statement, deHaas' letter & Marmoreck's vehement attack. I don't like Marmoreck's article.

But I do not want to write you about this difference of our conceptions in a political fight. I must tell you dear Ben that I very much resent the publication of your statement beforehand in the J. C. and perhaps I may write that to your people officially. What is the object of this attack at the centre of Weizmann's activities? Did you do it because Weizmann wrote such perverse article in the J. Chr. about America? I know that ~~that~~ the statement is a public document and that it would have found its way in the press, once presented to the Delegates of the Congress. I don't mind that in the least. I do not know, whether you feel in the same way, as I do, the profound difference of such a publication and of one caused by you, yourself. I understood that you were anxious to show to the delegates of the Congress the way to a sounder method of work. You might have come yourself to the Congress to teach your point of view. If you did not want to do

that, the next, most impressive way to present your views was to give your statement to the delegates without having it dragged first into the limelight of a sensational paper in a kind of Barnum & Baley style.

Love

Yours

Julius



August 18 1921
Hadley
Law School of Harvard University,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir,

A note for a Gold!!

This does not mean that those
of us who thought it unwise
to Congress are right,
but it shows that you
may be wrong.

Have a good time - having
for labor ahead.

My Cordials
W. H.

August 19, 1921

Dear Judge Mack:

I did not see your letter and lists till Wednesday, because I had to go to Boston Tuesday. The P.D.C. list is admirable, could hardly be improved upon, if the gentlemen will but accept. As for the Central Committee, I am not the man to serve as chairman and you are the man, --- even tho it become necessary for you to withdraw from the P.D.C. and be associated therewith ex-officio. I. Your leadership of our fight was admirable and evoked wide support and much sympathy, even tho in the end we lacked some votes. That new support ought to be transferred to the Central which is to be our quasi-stimulating organization. II. I am not a good executive at any time, - and am not wholly unconscious of my only limitation. III. I cannot get to New York for another month, and the Holyday season will occupy another month. IV. I cannot be sure of my working capacity for some months, perhaps half a year. I tire quickly and retire early.

For all these reasons, I am certain that I ought not to be asked to take the job. You be chairman with Felix F., Silver and myself as Vice-Chairmen. You know that I am prepared to cooperate to the limit of my now depleted strength. The committee is rather ragged, - reads like a Z.O.A. list.

Now to some other questions. Do you plan to call a meeting in September, with L.D.B., Silver and I ought to be present. I could manage for September 11th if that date suited you, L.D.B. and the others. Glad you wrote to Sam U. His article is quite trenchant, would have been more effective if personal abuse omitted. You know that Otto Kahn owns the Forum and his press-agent edits it.

I am touched to read of L.D.B.'s election by the Palestinians. Attendance on our part at the Congress would have been unwisdom itself. Even with L.D.B. at our head. we should have seemed little ~~xxxxx~~ ~~xxxxx~~ more than a group of ineffectual malcontents. If L.D.B. is ever to lead, it can only be after the cause is free and purged, -- i.e. deWeizmannized. I am aghast over U.S.'s proposal for peace, peace when there is no peace. If H.M. had not spoiled the word, I should say that this was not peace but surrender. In view of my crime in speaking for the decencies to Brisbane, I ~~am~~ ^{can} not writing to Straus, but there is only one message for him to send the Carlsbad Congress: "May God so bless your ~~rather~~ deliberations that you be moved to accept the leadership of Brandeis, and seek the high ~~path~~ end of our cause and people along the path of integrity and nobleness." This is a poor draft, but you will get my thought. He could perform a real service to the cause of genuine understanding of our principles and ideals, if he were to send the right message to Carlsbad. Let him appoint you and the Senator a Committee of two with power.

I cannot understand about James de R. and his visit. Will he carry the E.C. over to and with us, or will he steer it Weizmannward? We of course would be satisfied with neutrality but London and its E.C. will not. Unless W. see the handwriting on the wall of the Karmal at Carlsbad he will if he deem it necessary, squash the E.C. By the way, Simon Flexner who was at the ~~for~~ for a fortnight, told that Ben had been slightly hurt, but he knew not how nor what had happened and seemed to think that the hurt was of no consequence.

You are quite right about Reading. We cannot have any joint drives, & it is unfeasible and from our point of view quite intolerable. A word from you will enable Kaufman to see it, for he is right-minded. Landman's note is a perfect bit of self-portraiture. But I am keen to see what the "J.C." will make of our statement. The cable is promising. In my judgment, L.D.B.'s (and ours) absence and the statement will overshadow the Congress. I am sorry for Weizmann. If his character were equal to his cunning, he might have led. A maximum of cleverness and a minimum of character are not quite an adequate equipment of statesmanship, - else were Lodge and Penrose and new statesmen.

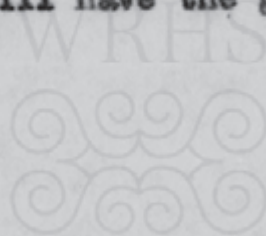
This is to you the penalty of Miss Wolf's vacation. As a member of the Synagogue, you will hereafter vote for her retention on any terms. I trust the wife is well, and that you are getting some rest.

With hearty greetings,

Yours,

Wise

I ~~just~~ just wrote to L.D.B. that Dr. Crothers and family took tea with us yesterday. He said "Justice Holmes' and Brandeis' opinions will be remembered long after the majority decisions are forgotten. I hope that the new Chief Justice will have the good sense to join the great minority.



PALESTINE DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA



JULY, 1921

In consideration of other similar subscriptions I (we) hereby subscribe the sum of _____ Dollars (\$ _____) to the Capital Stock of the Wholesale Supplies Enterprise (proposed as to name and maximum capitalization of \$1,000,000.00) to be undertaken by the Palestine Development Council in accordance with the program of the Pittsburgh Conference of July 3-4, 1921; said subscription to be paid in full within thirty (30) days from the date hereof.

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No. 198.

9 /12 /21

Joint Distribution Committee,
Seilerstaetter 15,
VIENNA, 1.

Gentlemen:

I notice in the memorandum drawn up by the Brandeis-Mack Zionist party of America for presentation to the Karlsbad Zionist Congress the following charge is made, that: "£33,000 belonging to the J.D.C. which had been placed on deposit with the Zionist Commission for specific trust purposes had been misapplied by Mr. Ussischkin and his colleagues by using them for Zionist purposes."

I have no intention of entering into the general dispute which has been called forth this charge, and as representative of the J.D.C. I have no interest on either side other than that of eliciting the exact facts. This serious charge cannot be substantiated as it stands.

The facts are as follows: When I arrived in Palestine on August 1st, 1920, as Regional Director of the J.D.C. for Palestine and Syria, I found that the moneys to the credit of the J.D.C. were tied up in one bank account with the moneys of the Zionist Commission. The Zionist Commission had but one account with the Anglo Palestine Co., though in its own books it had a thoroughly clear differentiation of its various trust accounts. I immediately made formal application on the Zionist Commission for the moneys of the J.D.C. and by August 10th, the Zionist Commission had paid over to me every penny which it had on its books to the credit of the J.D.C. During the first days of August several thousand pounds were paid over to me and on August 10th, £24,000 was received from the Zionist Organization in London in full payment of the moneys due the J.D.C.

I feel it my duty furthermore to point out that if on the first of August 1920, the Zionist Commission had in its hands a considerable sum belonging to the J.D.C. there were months when owing to the failure of the J.D.C. to remit its monthly budgets punctually, the Zionist Commission advanced large sums to the J.D.C. in Palestine. I am attaching herewith a statement showing the various sums which either the Zionist Commission owed to the J.D.C. or the J.D.C. owed to the Zionist Commission from January 1919 to July 1920. From this it will be clear that during this period of nineteen months the J.D.C. had owed the Zionist Commission £193,761,809 as against £102,312,460 which the Zionist Commission had owed to the J.D.C. during this period.

A further proof that the Zionist Commission advanced moneys to the J.D.C. more than the J.D.C. left in the hands of the Z.C. is the fact that the Z. C. received from the J.D.C. £1,455,588 in interest of

its advances while during the same time the Z.C. paid to the J.D.C. \$239,806 for J.D.C. moneys of which it had the use in the bank.

I learn from Dr. Benderly that statements were made in the United States directly charging the Z.C. with misappropriating trust funds of the J.D.C. I believe the figures which I give you herewith suffice to disapprove any such loose charge of irresponsible dealing with J.D.C. trust funds by the Z.C. I should be glad if you would kindly inform Judge Mack of these facts as he will surely be glad to know the real state of affairs, as it was.

Faithfully yours,

D. deSola Pool

Regional Director.

DSP/DC



September seventeenth
1921

Mr. David W. Simons,
Common Council, City of Detroit,
Detroit, Mich.

My dear Mr. Simons,

I wonder if Monday, December 12th
would be a good day for me to come to Detroit
in behalf of the P. D. C. I think much could
be done before that in the way of organizing
a League.

Very sincerely yours,

G H S

September 19th, 1921.

Dear Judge Mack:

The following is from a letter of a friend of mine, sent from Karlsbad under date of September 6, 1921.

"Thanks to the fact that I was away from America during the 'great Zionist war'. I was elected as delegate to the congress by the Americans, i.e. by Goldberg and Lipsky. The victors from America are now facing a hostile congress and are busily engaged defending themselves from the reproaches of the European Brandeisists, and Brandeis has many friends here who charge the Americans and the Lietung 'with the responsibility for the elimination of Brandeis.' Simon and DeLieme are heading the opposition but have no positive program. They are carrying on a splendid negative fight which will not be successful because it is entirely negative. The Stimmung is 'gedruckt'. Even Lipsky, Goldberg, Allen and Ehrenreich are not quite satisfied."

Yours etc.,

(signed) Joshua Sprayregan

FREE SYNAGOGUE
NEW YORK

STEPHEN S. WISE
23 WEST 90TH STREET

Sept. 19, 1921

Rabbi A.H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio
Dear Abba Hillel:

I was glad to have your telegram, although it was something of a disappointment that you could not be with us on Sunday. We were hopeful that you might take the evening train and meet us. I had somehow imagined that your school would begin as mine does on the 25th.

I am sending this special delivery in order that you may immediately arrange your appointments and let us know by wire what is to happen. We shall put aside any part of Thursday, ~~the day~~ you ~~may~~ come, excepting the evening. We are to have a Chocorus evening on Thursday, including a reunion of the young people, and we want you to be here, both for dinner and theatre. When will you arrive? When would you like to meet with Mack, Senator Straus, Mrs. Fels, deHaas and myself? Would four to five do?

Since you are to be here on Thursday, don't you want to be nice, unless you have already resolved to do so, and stay over and help Maxwell and me, or let us help you, dedicate the Flushing Synagogue?

Awaiting your wire, and with hearty greetings,

Faithfully yours,

Wise

September twentieth
1921

Dr. Stephen S. Wise,
23 West 90th Street,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Wise,

I have just sent you a telegram stating that I would be in New York Saturday morning. At the last minute a very important meeting of our new Temple Finance Committee has been called for Thursday evening and I am compelled to attend.

I am sorry that I could not attend the last meeting. I was very anxious to learn of the reaction of our group to the Carlsbad congress. I should like to discuss the matter with you and Judge Mack before I can arrive at an intelligent decision in the matter about which you wrote me.

Trusting that you and Judge Mack can meet with me on Saturday, I am, with kindest regards

Very sincerely yours,

(COPY)

September 20th, 1921.

ZIONIST CONGRESS

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"I entered the movement, entirely neutral. I entered at the earnest request of Nathan Straus who asked me to use my influence in healing the differences. I know that Dr. Weizmann conceded every material demand made by the Brandeis group and throughout the negotiations showed the broadest and most conciliatory spirit, and eagerness for peace, thus winning my complete confidence although a stranger to me, as against my own friends.

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(Letters referred to by Mr. R. in his letter of October
11, 1921, to H.S.)

LAW SCHOOL OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY

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CAMBRIDGE MASS.

September 25

Dear Mr. Rosenbloom:

At the time of the San Remo decision President Eliot rejoiced in the event among other reasons, because it gave particularly to "the rich Jews throughout the world the opportunity to establish at Jerusalem a Hebrew University where the language, literature and history of the Hebrews can be deeply studied, accurately recorded, and progressively made known". Isn't that a good expression of your aim?

But now I rejoice at your going and studying, seeing and feeling all the problems, in their entirety, on the spot--a symbol from us to them and from them to us.

With cordial greetings to Mrs. Rosenbloom

Very sincerely

(Sgd.) FELIX FRANKFURTER

SEPTEMBER 20th, 1921.

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September 29, 1921.

Prof. Felix Frankfurter,
Harvard University,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Prof. Frankfurter:

Your welcome letter of the 25th takes precedence over all the other communications I have to answer that have accumulated during my absence; I have just returned home this morning from New York.

I feel more glad than I can tell you that a man of the eminence of President Eliot looks so favorably upon the possibilities and potentialities of the Hebrew University, and is expressing himself so deeply on the subject. For years back, this has been my dream of Jewish education. Immediately after the Balfour Declaration, I expressed myself in the same vein to Justice Brandeis and Judge Mack, and I am happy that I have had their support in my ideas and ideals of the purpose of the Hebrew University. This support has encouraged me to publish my article in the Menorah Journal when I thought the proper time has arrived for some further propaganda. But for that unfortunate break, I feel that Prof. Einstein's visit to this country, linked with my own humble efforts in the interest of the University, would have resulted in greater publicity and more tangible accomplishments in its behalf.

You are perfectly right when you say that my going to Palestine (and I intend to do so as soon as I can possibly make arrangements) is for the purpose of studying, seeing and feeling all the vast problems that confront us now that Palestine has been given us as our Homeland, and to convey my ideas and conceptions of those problems from every angle.

As I attempted to explain to Justice Brandeis at the time he informed me at the meeting that the decision of that meeting was to send me to Palestine, I do not regard my mission to be that of a technical man or banker so far as the banking proposition is concerned, for I am neither the one or the other; and so far as this particular ability is required, it could easily be done by proxy; and as to myself, it would be of immense practical benefit to me to be relieved of this trip at this time. It is, however, for the things which cannot be learned or acquired through nor conveyed by a proxy that it is my intention to undertake the trip. One of the most important things I hope to accomplish by my trip is to place the American

leaders of Zionism in the light they deserve, and refute the charges against them, regardless of the statement of Dr. Weizmann and his associates that the Americans do not think, do not read, do not know anything and are not Jews. It is my aim to be of whatever assistance I can in the way of convincing our people that the American leaders have been standing for the highest conception of Judaism. There has been altogether too great a confusion created as to the aim and philosophy of Judaism. Such condition is in itself unfortunate, but still worse is the fact that these conditions have been seized upon by some of the false leaders in order to capitalize this confusion to their own interest and thus create a division in the ranks and files of Zionism.

With all good wishes, in which Mrs. Rosenbloom joins me, I remain

Sincerely yours,

PALESTINE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

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October 2nd, 1921

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am enclosing herewith the list of
Central Committee members with their addresses, together
with the list of pledges made at Pittsburgh and payments
thereon.

All the letters to the Central Committee
have gone out, and I will let you know of acceptances and
declinations as they are received. Also payment of pledges,
so that your list may be kept up-to-date.

With ver best wishes for the New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,

Josephine de Haas
Secretary to Mr. de Haas

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Louisville, Ky.

October 5, 1921.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman
31 Union Square,
New York City.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I received your letter of the 30th inviting me to accept your appointment as a member of the Central Committee of the Palestine Development Leagues.

While I would like to co-operate with your committee to the fullest extent in the promotion of this work, you no doubt realize that one who has already attained the allotted span of three score and ten, cannot undertake more than his strength will permit. I shall be glad to do whatever is in my power to help along this good work but before I can really accept the responsibility connected with the appointment, I will ask you to ~~be~~ kindly advise me more fully what the duties of this committee will be.

I wish to thank you for the honor to serve on this Committee but if you should see fit to select some younger and more energetic persons for this work I assure you that I will gladly give my co-operation even although I should not be a member of the Committee.

With sincere wishes for a Lekhono Tovo,

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Simon Shapinsky.

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Washington 10/6/21

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

Referring to JWM's memo. of 4th

I am not disturbed by James Rosenberg's JDC mission. If we are to succeed it will be by what we do - not by what other groups do for us, - whether it be A.P.Co. or JDC or ZOA as now constituted.

There is room for all--what we are to do is to do our work well here and abroad. It cannot be shifted to others. And of course what we do abroad (in P.) will necessarily depend upon what the Central Comm. directly and indirectly enable us to do. The immediate task is theirs.

The work to which all effort should be directed now is completing the \$250,000 cash so that Sol. Rosenbloom may start for P. Then the task will be, while he is away, to raise the next \$250,000 or more, i.e.

L.D.B.

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October 7, 1921.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I received this morning acceptances from the following:

Rabbi A.A. Neuman, 3213 Diamond St. Phil. ✓

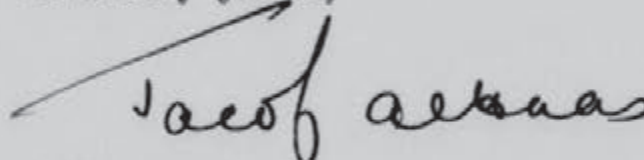
Leo M. Brown, Van Antwerp Bldg., Mobile, Ala. ✓

A.H. Fromenson, 1616 Master St., Phil. ✓

L.M. Miller, 212 Mutual Life Bldg., Buffalo. ✓

I enclose you a report by cities on the Palestine Cooperative as it stands to this noon.

Sincerely yours,



Secretary.

JdeH/DG.

P.S. Letter of acceptance just received from L.I. Newman, Temple Israel, 96th Street & Central Park West, N.Y.C. who writes as follows: ✓

"Though this be not germane to the subject of this letter, can you put me on your Temple Bulletin Mailing list? Ours will be forthcoming shortly."

	<u>CASH</u>	<u>OUTSTANDING</u>
New York	\$61,814.39	\$1,500
Pittsburgh	39,100	10,650 - note of ^B 300
Charleston, S.C.	100	500
Cincinnati, Ohio.	100	---
Buffalo, N.Y.	1,775	10,225
Detroit	9,100	42,500
Green Bay, Wis.	2,000	-----
Philadelphia	4,300	3,150
Baltimore	2,700	4,000 250
Gary, Ind.	100	100
Atlantic City.	250	---
Chicago, Ill.	1,150	250
Boston	250	1,300
Washington	-----	10,000
Cleveland	600	1,200
Minn.	---	7,500
St. Louis	---	2,000
Canton	---	100
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Lynchburg	5,000	---
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Bridgeport	50	---
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October 7th, 1921



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October 9th, 1921.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Chairman, Central Committee,
Palestine Development Leagues,
New York City.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

This is in acknowledgment of your letter of October 2nd.

I do not know just what membership on the Central Committee entails. I therefore feel it necessary to explain that this is the busy time of year in the industry I am in, and that my present plans will make it impossible for me, later in the Winter, to devote very much time to the work, much as I am anxious to do so. If, under these conditions, I can be of service, I would deem it an honor to be a member of the committee. If, on the other hand, you feel it would serve the cause better to name some one else who can be more active, please do not hesitate to do so. I will, of course, render all the assistance I can, whether on the Committee or not.

You probably know, that at a meeting in Minneapolis last Thursday evening, there was formed the "Palestine Development League of the Twin Cities." We deemed it better at the present time to have only one League for St. Paul and Minneapolis. Perhaps, later, it will be found advisable to have two Leagues. At the meeting Thursday evening, approximately \$1000 worth of stock in the Palestine Co-operative Company was subscribed for by the handful of people, all of modest means, who were there. Dr. Thos. Ziskin of Minneapolis, who was elected secretary, was instructed to write to Mr. deHaas that we are ready to carry on the work, as soon as we receive instructions.

May I say that I quite agree with you that it is no part of our purpose to work against anybody or anything, but to work whole-heartedly----- to the one purpose we have at heart - the speedy development of the Jewish Homeland.

Sincerely yours,

Abe M. Calmenson

FREE SYNAGOGUE
NEW YORK

STEPHEN S. WISE
23 WEST 90TH STREET

Oct. 10, 1921

Rabbi A.H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio
Dear Abba Hillel:

We had a little meeting last night and got four thousand in subscriptions.

I write particularly to ask this, and you must be good enough to answer at once: I said I would be responsible for one five thousand group to be made up of my associates. Do you think you and I should send out a letter to the men who are with us, including Heller, James Heller, Martin Meyer, Coffee and others, or shall we address a letter to every Rabbi in the country? Do you think it would be worth while? That would of course include such men as Phillipson and Schulman. If you think we ought to send the letter to all the men, send me a draft of what we ought to say and I will have it attended to from the office here. If you think we ought to address only a limited number, then give me the names of the men who are with us. I think we could count upon Deinard and Silber.

66 *you know*

With hearty greetings and all good wishes for the Atonement Day,
Sincerely yours,

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Wise

MAURICE L. AVNER
BERGER BUILDING
PITTSBURGH

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October tenth
nineteen twenty one

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
c/o Palestine Development Council
31 Union Square, New York City

My dear Rabbi Silver,-

I hasten to accept membership on the
Central Committee of the Palestine Development Leagues.
I consider it a privilege to serve and hope to be able to
render service and co-operation.

Locally we are prepared to proceed to
organization. A recent group meeting tentatively agreed to
arrange a Dinner as the best organizing medium. Have you
a free evening late in October or early in November ?

With best wishes of Mrs. Avner and
myself for a successful and happy New Year.

Sincerely

M. L. Avner

Man. Oct. 31
Man Nov. 7

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

October 11, 1921.

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

My Dear Rabbi Silver:

What seems to be our final decision in the matter of the P.D.L. luncheon of October 27, is as follows:

We are planning to invite thirty or forty men to greet you at a luncheon to be held at 12:30 p.m. The actual purpose of the function will not be heralded. We may decide, then and there, not to appeal for funds at that time, but to leave it until the Temple Club Dinner of the evening.

At any rate, we will hold our luncheon, as originally planned. However, the situation may be such that we will be obliged to ask you to talk P.D.L. in the evening. The latter, of course, will be with the approval of Rabbi Eichler.

I hope that this will be a happy solution of the problem for every one.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

David Diamond.

D. D. T

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

October 11, 1921.

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

My Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your letter of October 10, came a few moments after I had written you. Everything seems to be in readiness, and we await your coming.

It would be fine if you could get here a little before noon, so that we might confer on the best course for us to pursue in the interests of the P.D.L.

I remain
With keen anticipation of your coming,

Very sincerely yours,

David Diamond

D. D. T

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October 11, 1921.

My dear Mr. Straus:

I am taking this opportunity to reply further to your letter of September 29th, asking me whether after considering the contents of Mr. Untermeyer's telegram to the Zionist Congress I will not think it advisable to have Mr. Untermeyer act as a peace intermediary.

I conceive it essential to explain to you not only my position in this question but also the information which I have gathered at the peace negotiations and the observations which I have been able to make and the natural conclusions which followed as a result. I may start by saying that Dr. S. Levin purposely came to see me the week before Dr. Weizmann's arrival, and we spent almost a whole day and evening in going over this question. With all the power at my command I endeavored to argue and plead with him that nothing else could or should be thought of but complete harmony and the fullest possible concerted action.

On the arrival of Dr. Weizmann and associates, I came to New York to pay my respects to the distinguished visitors, and I made it my business from the very first to impress upon them directly and indirectly the tremendous importance of unity and a clear understanding between the Zionists. Although I know it is a broad statement to make, I will nevertheless say that no one was more anxious to see unity and peace prevail than I was. Since things were not going on so smoothly, as you well know, and negotiations were continuing from day to day, I remained in New York City for over five weeks so as to secure first-hand knowledge of all the phases of the controversy and the deliberations. And I can say with absolute confidence that throughout the different stages of the negotiations I have observed our American leaders show the finest and friendliest of spirits in a uniform way and giving every evidence of their anxiety to effect peace. They insisted only on one thing, and that is that the Keren Hayesod in America should be a donation fund only and that certain safeguards should be erected as regards the disposition of the moneys.

While negotiations on this point were going on, Dr. Weizmann suddenly broke them off and issued the proclamation for the Keren Hayesod of America, and by all the attempts afterwards it was impossible to come to any understanding. I cannot say whether this step on Dr. Weizmann's part was the result of his own judgment or the imposed advice of his stubborn associates, but we may as well overlook for the moment the cause of it and consider only the fact.

Under these circumstances, I cannot see that Mr. Untermeyer is as impartial in his estimate of facts as he should be, or to say the least, he cannot be as familiar with them as he thinks he is

otherwise he would not have made the statements in his telegram. I do not know Mr. Untermeyer, having met him but once. I am therefore unable to pass judgment on his sincerity in this matter or otherwise, but what I do want to point out is that the real facts as they exist are not in accordance with the statements made by him. His remark that "Dr. Weizmann conceded every material demand made by the Brandeis group and throughout the negotiations showed the broadest and most conciliatory spirit" is not in keeping with facts. His further remark that Justice Brandeis and his associates' attitude was "tactless, unpardonable and cannot be justified" is also, to say the least, unfair.

Knowing as well as I do what was taking place around the negotiations for peace from the beginning to the end, I cannot subscribe to Mr. Untermeyer's statements. On the other hand, from other sources and even from the reports of the Congress, you will observe that Dr. Weizmann has given expression to some very uncomplimentary remarks about the American leaders. A point of instance is the remark he made that he called on Justice Brandeis and spoke to him about serious matters while the Justice answered him, speaking about the weather. You certainly know that Justice Brandeis would be incapable of such conduct. If Justice Brandeis did not give Dr. Weizmann any direct reply to his arguments, he must have had some very good reasons for it.

There also stand the other statements made by Dr. Weizmann and his associates to the effect that the American Jews do not read, do not think, do not know anything and are not Jews. These certainly could not have been made in a "conciliatory spirit."

There is no need to enumerate some other remarks made by them during the controversy. It is sufficient to state that Mr. Untermeyer's remarks in the telegram are not at all well founded. In other words, Mr. Untermeyer's analysis of the attitude taken by the two sides to the controversy is not correct. Basing my opinion on this fact, and without the least prejudice against Mr. Untermeyer, I would say I do not think he could be utilized to bring about the peace, which we all so eagerly desire.

To further illustrate my viewpoint, I am taking the liberty of enclosing herewith a letter which I received recently from Prof. Frankfurter and my reply. This reply will indicate to you what I feel to be my duty in the future.

Peace is to be coveted at any time. I have always tried to bargain for peace in my personal conduct with other people, whether in business dealings or otherwise, and I am just as well inclined to peace in communal matters especially in the great realization of our mission. However, our Rabbis over two thousand years

ago have stated that the world exists on three great pillars, Truth and Justice and Peace. Interpreting it otherwise, it means that we must have truth and justice before peace can prevail. Where there is no truth and no justice, there can be no peace.

If we are at this time to venture to come together and endeavor to effect a peace, it is vital that both sides embrace Truthfulness and Justice as a basis, and then, and then only, could we hope to reach a real peace.

Considering the general spirit and action of Dr. Weizmann and his European and American associates--and I emphasize again that it is immaterial whether it was the fault of Dr. Weizmann or the fault of his associates--I feel that at this time to force the issue of peace would not bring us the real ultimate gain that a real peace should. If before the break occurred any compromise for the sake of peace would have been profitable, even at the cost of truth, this is not the case today. The break has occurred and the damage to our cause is done. If peace is to be had, it is not desired to have at this time a patched peace, a peace that is not based upon truthfulness and righteousness. Such a peace would not help our cause at this time. After all we must build our Homeland on a solid, concrete foundation no matter how slow and even painful at times the progress might be. And by all means we must build it on the principles of Truthfulness and Righteousness.

As anxious as I am to see Palestine reconstructed within the shortest possible time, I will frankly admit to you, my dear Mr. Straus, that I would rather be the contributor of a single stone, a single brick to its real, solid foundation than the contributor of an entire wall whose foundation would not be solid. It is not only the question how quickly we can rebuild Palestine but how solidly and beautifully and permanently it must be done if we are to attain our aim and insure a home for the Jewish people and evoke the confidence and respect of the world at large.

I hope I have made matters as clear as possible at this time, but if anything needs some further explanation, I shall be glad to do so.

In submitting my views to your judgment and consideration, I should be glad to have your own judgment and consideration of them.

I have also so much confidence in the good judgment of your dear wife that I venture to request you to submit this letter to her. I would greatly esteem her opinion, and no doubt she has full knowledge of the controversies that were going on.

There remains for me only to repeat that I am speaking as disinterestedly as is possible, without any prejudice against anybody. This is the guidance of my best judgment after deliberate

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thinking and most attentive consideration.

With kindest regards and best wishes to you and Mrs. Straus, in which Mrs. Rosenbloom joins me heartily, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Nathan Straus,
"Driftwood"
Mamaroneck, N. Y.



October thirteenth
1921

Mr. Simon Shapinsky,
605 West Main Street,
Louisville, Ky.

My dear Mr. Shapinsky,

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of October fifth. I am very anxious that you should acquaint yourself with our work, and that you should give it your whole-hearted co-operation. Within a few days you will receive a copy of our prospectus, as well as a folder concerning the work of the Leagues.

As a member of the Central Committee, it would be your duty, as well as your privilege, to stimulate the creation of a League in your City, and to assist in the distribution of the stock of the corporations which would be founded by the Palestine Development Council.

As you know, our work is not political and is devoted exclusively to the task of creating economic opportunities for our people in Palestine. It is open to Zionists and non-Zionists and to all Jews. I believe that it is an organization which Jews throughout this country have waited for many years.

I hope you will see your way clear enthusiastically to join us and to accept membership on the Central Committee.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

October thirteenth
1921

Mr. Maurice L. Avner,
Berger Building,
Pittsburgh, Penna.

My dear Mr. Avner,

As soon as I hear from
Detroit I shall be able to let you
know definitely when I can come to
Pittsburgh. I am very anxious to
help you in the work of collecting the
pledges, as well as organizing the
Leagues.

Very sincerely yours,

October 18th, 1921

Abe M. Calmenson, Esq.,
South St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Calmenson:

I have just seen your letter to Dr. Silver, and have had a letter from Dr. Ziskin who reported a thousand dollars stock sold. In tomorrow's mail, we will send him the first batch of prospectuses and application blanks. The Twin Cities ought to return \$10,000 in short order.

I know you are all very busy but this ought to

Woolworth Building,
October 15, 1921.

LDB - FF - RS - NS, Jr. - SJR - AHS

(1) Kamaiky brought Harry Fischel to see me yesterday. F. returned from Palestine three weeks ago and is thoroughly impressed with his duty to go ahead on a corporation that will finance building operations.

You may remember that a few years ago he started out to form a five-million corporation, but at the suggestion of Schiff and myself, he stopped on account of the Restoration Fund.

He has subscribed \$10,000 to Benderly's company and has paid up the only call made, --10%. He tells me that \$110,000 has been paid in on a million and a half subscriptions.

He says that Samuel agrees with him that the greatest need in Palestine is housing, and that the greatest help that can come from America is the financing on long time, repayable in small instalments, of housing up to, say, fifty to sixty per cent. of the cost.

Either he believes, or Kamaiky has persuaded him that the best way to raise the money and to establish such a bank is through us, and he wants to join hands with us.

I told him that we had two fundamental principles, --limitation to six per cent. profit and stimulation and furtherance of the co-operative idea. He agreed immediately to the first and as to the second, he said there were already twenty-odd co-operatives in Palestine and he believed in them.

His idea was that our first bank would devote itself to these mortgage loans, and I told him we would not do that; that our first quarter of a million would go generally for loans without such a specific application; that I thought, however, if he could raise another quarter or a half million, we could well devote that to the purposes suggested.

He said that he himself would put in at least \$25,000, and he felt that by devoting himself to this as he intends to do, he could get very considerable subscriptions, especially with our help.

He said that there were people in Palestine ready to subscribe and ready to give their time free of charge to the placing of the loans out there. He himself would, of course, give his time free of charge, and as he is out of business, it would mean his whole time. He would want one or two men entirely agreeable to him and to us on the board. Later in the afternoon he sent me the enclosed letter.

(2) Do you think that either now or in the near future the Central Committee would be justified in paying 2% commission out of its Administration Fund for the sale of stock in the Palestine Co-operative company? Benderly does this in his company.

(3) Lawrence Steinhardt is having a thorough and complete audit made of the Zion Commonwealth. He says that he will remain Treasurer only if the Board has the right people on it, meaning our group; otherwise he will get off. He is certain that Ben Rosenblatt and the others in charge are agreeable to this.

Steinhardt's own view is that no more certificates should be sold, that the assets should be conserved, Balfouria of course kept up, and the moneys outstanding, payable in instalments, amounting to two and one-half millions, collected,--something in the nature of a liquidating process. In this way overhead would be reduced to a minimum and would be fully taken care of from interest on securities on hand. There is, of course, a profit from forfeitures.

I told him that while some of our group felt some moral responsibility in connection with the Zion Commonwealth because of our former connection with it, we certainly would do nothing of this kind until after the audit, and then not unless it showed a perfectly solvent condition, as he believed it would show. If, however, this situation did appear, then I promised him to put it up to one or two in our group and to give him an answer. He doesn't want the matter to leak out at all.

He himself is a fine fellow, of real ability, ready to devote considerable time to this specific job,

uninfluenced in any way by his Uncle Sam Untermeyer or by his brother-in-law's brother, Ben Rosenblatt.

Rosenblatt and the others in the Zion Commonwealth are eager to start a mortgage bank and intend to go ahead selling shares or certificates or something or other on instalments.

J.W.M.



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HARRY FISCHER
Real Estate
Holland Building
276-278 Fifth Avenue
New York

New York, October 14th 1921

Judge Julian W. Mack,
Woolworth Building,
New York City.

My dear Judge:-

After leaving you, while on my way to my office, I have thought the matter over, and would suggest that the best way to bring my report before the public in order to have the desired effect, for the people to realize the importance of building homes in Palestine, the following plan would be the most appropriate.

I would send out a notice to a large number of our friends for a conference to be held either in my home or in a suitable place in a hotel, for the purpose of informing them of my investigation and existing conditions in Palestine. At that meeting I would read to them this plan which I have submitted to you, and naturally with any additional suggestions made by you, also answer all questions regarding Palestine.

At the same time I would ask you, or anyone you may suggest, representing your Corporation to be present at this meeting, and would ask for subscriptions.

We would have the Press well represented and make every effort to have the entire report published in the newspapers, which could be done very easily as the newspapers are very anxious to find out the conditions in Palestine. I believe this will be the most effective way of starting the ball rolling.

You will be surprised how many people are anxious to know the conditions and I believe it would have the desired effect. In the mean time, I would ask you to keep this report of mine for your own use only.

Hoping to hear from you in a few days, I remain

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) HARRY FISCHER

Dr. Silver
FIRST NEW YORK PALESTINE DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE (Provisional)
31 Union Square, Room 1103
New York City.

October 14, 1921.

Dear Fellow-Leaguer:

At our recent meeting the principal point of difficulty in the minds of a few present seemed to lie in the fact that there is likely to be duplication and overlapping of activities in Palestine. We will have to rely upon our leaders both in the interest of Palestine and of the investors in our enterprises to avoid any field of competition and to engage our funds and their efforts in other constructive channels.

One fact that we have not sufficiently emphasized, in my opinion, is that there are large untapped sources of capital in this city which will be available only under the new conditions of investment that our plans contemplate. The prospective investors can be interested only with a guarantee of full control of their funds by people who interpret the duties of public trusteeship as our leaders do.

I believe that the reputation of our leaders combined with our own conscientious personal efforts is the best publicity we can get and will be most productive of the results for which we are striving.

Our purpose now is action. Will you do your share

- (a) Either with personal solicitation.
- (b) With the organization of a League of people selected according to vocation.
- (c) Or any other method that you see fit.

You can reach me any morning, except Saturday and Sunday at Central Committee Headquarters, 31 Union Square, between 9 and 10 AM. Phone, Stuyvesant 4101. You can leave word for me at any time of the day. If you wish any help in your plans or some one to work with, or if you have any suggestions to offer do not fail to call. In any case I would like to hear from you.

Very sincerely yours,

J. K. Friedman
Provisional Secretary.

May I offer the two following points of salesmanship which I believe are all that are necessary to sell this stock to any Jew:

(1) The Jews of the World, Collectively and individually, whether they participate or not, will be judged by the result of the experiment in Palestine.

(2) Several million Jews in Central Europe are not wanted there and are not welcome anywhere else. They must be provided for in Palestine.

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Washington 10/18/21

JWM - ~~SDH~~ - FF - RS - NS, Jr. - SJR - AHS

re JWM's of Oct. 15

First: As to the Harry Fischel and the Lawrence Steinhardt proposals

It seems to me that consideration of these should be tactfully deferred until we are in the possession of \$250,000 cash and Sol. Rosenbloom can start for Palestine--because i.a.

1. Our efforts should be directed uninterruptedly to that money raising.

2. We shall not be in a good position to deal with outsiders if we are in the weak position of not having raised that small sum.

It is only 1/20th of the amount which our devoted associates at Pittsburg concluded we should raise. And with the large part of it given by Rosenbloom, Nathan Straus and Mary Fels and the other subscriptions at Pittsburg, it ought to be possible to complete the raising of \$250,000 cash this month. (It is 4-1/2 months nearly since the project was agreed upon at the Friday's meeting in N. Y.)

Second: As to the 2% proposal. I think consideration of this should be deferred until the \$250,000 is raised by volunteers. After that is done I shall have some suggestions to make.

L.D.B.

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Mamaroneck, New York

October 18, 1921.

My dear Mr. Rosenbloom:

I have given the contents of your esteemed favor of October 11th the most serious consideration. I was not unfamiliar with all the happenings to which you refer, and I agree with you that the guilt for the dissension lies entirely with the other side.

All the same it is very sad that there should be no way open for peace. Conditions, as existing weaken our standing as Jews and reduce our chances for reconstructing the Holy Land as fast, as it is surely necessary.

Under the circumstances, there is nothing that I would wish or could do for the present, and we will talk over this matter again when next we meet.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Nathan Straus

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

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Sam Untermyer just called me up. He wanted to talk matters over with me pursuant to his letter to me from Paris. I told him that I wanted to know first whether the JCB copy of his telegram to the Congress was correct. He thought it was. I told him it was a damnable document. He said that he intended it as a peace document, laudatory of us. I repeated my characterization and told him that it was not a peace document, and that instead of being laudatory it was insulting to us. He said that he was all the more anxious to talk it over with me and point out to me that my characterization was unjust. I told him, in answer to his inquiry, that I had not read any of his speeches except an extract of one delivered at a dinner a week or so ago; that I had seen a reference to a letter from Weizmann to him on Nationalism, for which Weizmann was taken strongly to task, according to the London Jewish Chronicle as having gone back completely on the views generally held at the Congress. He told me that at this dinner and as part of his speech he had read his letter to Weizmann and Weizmann's reply, and he promised to send the whole thing to me. I told him that if I found time on Saturday or Sunday, I would meet with him.

He asked me if I knew whether Sokoloff was coming. I told him I did. He wanted me to go on the Reception Committee, and I positively declined.

I don't like to spend the time going over all these things with him, but it is difficult to see how I can refuse to do it.

J.W.M.

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October 20, 1921.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The following have accepted appointment on the
Central Committee of the P.D.L.

Mr. Fred Butzel, 1012 Union Trust Building,
Detroit, Mich. ✓

Mr. Jacob Siegel, 1864 Seventh Avenue, ✓
New York City.

Mr. G. Karol, 221 N. 9th Street, Allentown, Pa. ✓

Samuel Rittenberg, 55 Broad Street, Charleston, ✓
S.C.

Mr. Jacob Billikopf, Sudenham Bldg., 1512 ✓
Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

I. Rude, Argonaut Hotel, Denver, Colo. ✓

Mr. Moritz Rosemann, S. Washington Street, ✓
Green Bay, Wis.

Sincerely yours,

Jacob De Haas
Secretary.

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Berkeley Hotel,
London, Oct. 21, 1921.

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

In re: Letter No. 1. Palestinian
Credit Institution.

Dear Herbert:

Under separate mail there is going forward today for the JDC a letter from me, enclosing an agreement in reference to a Palestinian credit institution for social economic purposes. You will, of course, read this agreement with care. I am writing you this separate letter so as to cover certain points which I thought best to cover in a personal note.

While the ICA and the Economic Board (the British group) are contributing only one-fourth in the aggregate, I have indicated to them that when the Organization Committee, whose existence and duties are provided for in the agreement, meets, so far as I have anything to do with that situation, I should be entirely content with an equal division of control in the four bodies. As a result of this position, I believe that the Englishmen have felt that we are generous, are not seeking for control and are willing to play the game on broad lines. Lest you might fear that I have been too ready to give away power, let me call your attention to that provision of the agreement which says that proper protective provisions are to be incorporated in reference to the loans. Through this clause, the JDC, as the large creditor, will have a position of veto power at all times, to wit, the note issue under which the JDC will hold its notes will be accompanied by debentures containing some protective provisions. The suggestions as to these should come to me from you. What I mean by "protective provisions" is the following:

An agreement which shall provide that

- 1) In the event that capital is impaired to the extent of 10% or more, the loan to the JDC shall fall due.
- 2) No indebtedness shall be created by the corporation to be formed excepting obligations for rent of premises, salaries of employees and ordinary running expenses, i.e., that no indebtedness shall be created for borrowed money or for purchase of merchandise or for commitments through going into business enterprises; that the only obligations which the corporation shall have the right to incur shall be those strictly limited to the running of an office.
- 3) A provision to the effect that if in the judgment of the JDC the corporation departs from the aims and purposes for which it has been incorporated, the loan made at the option of the JDC ~~sh~~ be called and may be made to become due within one year. You can afford to concede almost everything else if you insist upon a clause that contains those words, "If in the judgment of." The right to call the loan should not be predicated upon the question of fact as to whether the corporation departs from its aims, but should be predicated upon the determination as to that fact by the JDC, and if we yield all

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along the line on control in all other respects, letting the control be divided into four equal shares, I have no doubt that some such clause can be arranged.

4) Then there should also be a clause requiring an accounting at least annually by auditors approved by the JDC.

Perhaps other clauses will occur to you. My suggestion is that if the Mack group and the JDC approve the plan which has been sent and that when you send formal communication to us here in Europe, you write a letter which shall contain some description of these protective provisions, which would in effect constitute a veto power, and of course, I know you will write this letter with tact, because we will want to show and make it perfectly plain that it is the veto power which we feel entitled to ask for, as half of the entire capital comes from the JDC. Of course ~~we~~ you will point out that you have no objection to the ICA having the same provisions in respect of its loans.

Mr. Landesco and Mr. Waldman are present as I dictate this letter. They arrived in London this morning. Mr. Landesco went with me to a conference with James de Rothschild and is again going to a conference, as is Mr. Waldman, with Mr. Walter S. Cohen. It looks at this moment as if the plan would go forward, and I think that from what Mr. Goldsmid has said, that if the ICA approves the plan, it will contribute 20,000 pounds. Mr. Landesco desires me to add that he heartily approves of the plan and particularly of those arrangements which bring the four organizations together, to wit, the ICA is now doing considerable reconstruction work in Poland, and if we once bring these bodies together, it will afford encouragement of genuine co-operation in Poland and the avoidance of overlapping.

I earnestly hope that Judge Mack and his group and the JDC will approve the plan and should like telegraphic information.

JNR/F

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) JAMES N. ROSENBERG

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Berkeley Hotel,
London, England,
October 21, 1921.

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

Letter No. 2:
In re: Palestinian Credit
Institution.

Dear Herbert:

Supplementing my earlier letter of even date, we have had further conferences. This morning Mr. Landesco and I had a visit with Mr. James de Rothschild, who was entirely satisfied with the agreement. He suggested, by inference, rather than directly, that the group represented by Judge Mack might prefer to take a lower rate of interest in view of the fact that the ICA and the JDC are to receive 3%, to which I replied that those who furnished the capital were in my judgment amply entitled to a maximum of 6% and I said that I would call the point to Judge Mack's attention, and therefore request you to tell him what I have said. Mr. de Rothschild suggested that possibly Judge Mack's group might be subjected to adverse criticism in charging a higher amount than the JDC. I don't think there is anything in this and I said so.

My earlier letter was predicated to a considerable extent on an earlier draft of the plan. You will notice that the protective features of paragraph 7 cover a good deal of what I said. I thought we might as well have this out at the outset and you will note that the plan provides that if in the judgment of the ICA or the JDC there is departure from the aims and purposes of the plan, the loans can be called. When it comes to the details of organization, this, of course, should be carefully and fully drawn, with the right in such event to call the loan say on six months' notice.

I especially desire that you should call Judge Mack's attention to the fact that the statement of aims and purposes, though briefer than the prospectus prepared by his group in reference to a proposed Palestinian co-operative company, is designed to cover the same ends; that the only difference of substance, if that be substance, is that in Judge Mack's prospectus it is suggested that at the outset loans may be made to individuals. This was the subject of careful consideration and was omitted from the plan which has been forwarded to you for various reasons, chiefly the following:

Once you introduce the privilege of making loans to individuals, you attack the co-operative theory at the source. Moreover, those individuals who would be deserving of loans can join co-operatives and through their co-operatives get the loans. It was therefore felt, and Mr. Landesco was particularly definite on this point--and I may say I am in entire accord with him--that no departure from the essence, i.e., the co-operative plan which Judge Mack's group so ardently desires, should be permitted. I have great hopes in this enterprise and don't mind saying that I should be keenly disappointed if Judge Mack and his associates and the J.D.C. do not assent to the plan.

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While I have suggested in my formal letter to the J.D.C. that any changes of detail will be welcomed, it is my hope that no such changes will be suggested in the preliminary plan, because almost every word in this preliminary plan has been carefully considered, there have been four revises of the plan and the introduction of suggested words would necessitate starting the whole thing de novo, and I should not have time to come back to London without serious interference with other matters. As for the matter of proportionate equal control to the four bodies, Mr. Landesco and Mr. Waldman are thoroughly in accord with my views.

As long as the JDC, which is certainly going to co-operate at all times with the Mack group, has the power to call its loan, there is at all times in the background a veto power which serves all needed purposes of control and the whole thing would cease to function and would have to be dissolved if we called our loan, as that is the preponderating amount of capital. By joining in action with the Mack group, we can always prevent any action that we don't want.

Mr. Landesco asks me to add that as the ICA is active in Poland, it will have a most beneficial effect if this Palestinian plan is put through, because it will be the first case of actual co-operation in a definite and stated ~~XXXXXX~~ enterprise.

My final suggestions to the procedure in New York is the following:

If Judge Mack's group and the J.D.C. approve the plan, the only word that should come forward from New York is that the plan is approved and that so and so, whoever it may be, have been appointed the respective members of the Organization Committee. If Judge Mack's group and yours approve of an equal division of control to each of the four bodies, the telegram of approval should also state something to that effect. This, I think would have a very excellent effect both with the ICA and with the British group. In short, as it seems to me, the more a telegram confines itself to an acceptance of the plan, the more likely is it that the ICA will put up the 20,000 pounds and the thing will go through. At the time when the organization meeting occurs, Mr. Landesco and I will endeavor to so arrange it that either one of us will be present at the conferences of the Organization Committee.

Please forgive me for writing at such great length and for changing my opinion as I go along, but the situation has been changed during the day.

This letter will have to go into the mail tonight and I shall not have a chance to read it after dictation, as I am going out to dine with Mr. Brown of the A.R.A. I have had an extraordinarily interesting week here in London.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) JAMES N. ROSENBERG

JNR/RF

, October 21, 1921.

LDB - SSW - FF - AHS - RS

The enclosed item in reference to Untermeyer was sent by Nathan Straus to S.R., together with the letter referred to in S.R.'s reply.

S.R. has had no answer to his letter of October 11th. He wants, of course, no publicity given to his letter of October 11th, and only on my assurance that no one could regard it as a breach of confidence for him to let you see it, did he consent to my sending it to you.

J.W.M.

(Enclosure)

(COPY)

Jerusalem Oct. 23rd 1921
P. O. B. 514

Dear Professor Frankfurter

I have received your kind note and appreciate the encouragement and confidence expressed.

The process of building a Jewish home in Palestine is slowly developing and assuming shape. The unorganized efforts of the individual Jews, I am inclined to think, will do the job and contrary to the expectations of some of a short time ago, the process will be a slow one. Had we been well trained and organized it might have been hastened. As it is it will take longer; but people do come in; it is true they struggle, some fail in their hopes and efforts but some work is being done. The work is small, hardly noticeable, but the summation will tell in a few years.

The "pioneer work" here after all is not as hard as one is led to think; what is aggravating about it is that it could hardly be called work. Still a few, just a few, more Miss Szolds, Kesselmanns, Van Vrieslands, Cantors and so on along the line, each doing his share in the regular routine, would go a long ways in helping matters. However, matters will take their natural course.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) EM. N. MOHL.

P.O.B. 514
Jerusalem
October 24, 1921.

Mr. Robert Szold
43 Exchange Bldg.
New York City

Dear Mr. Szold;

I do not have to tell you how gratified we were to learn that our people have made a definite move for a concrete piece of work in Palestine. It is enhanced by the fact that a resultant action or rather activities may be expected in Palestine within three to four months.

Considering the actual need of this credit, considering all the talk we had about activities in Palestine, considering the state of mind of the people expecting some action and receiving nothing but statements, considering all the promises and plans H.E. has been receiving and hearing from many sources, if you could only concentrate your energies and push the matter for all it is worth and succeed to have this quarter of a million in cash right here in Palestine by the time Mr. Rosenbloom comes here, an excellent thing would be done.

Some time ago I discussed the question of small credit and credit on crops to the colonists with Mr. Hufin. He has outlined the difficulties attached to this kind of credit, the difficulties the Anglo-bank is experiencing as to the security etc., but he also discussed the extreme importance of this credit, emphasizing that if it be undertaken as a specialty and the question of the personal be well taken care of, the undertaking not only is bound to do good work but has all the possibilities of becoming a great success.

Miss Szold, Mr. Kesselman and myself had considerable discussions on this subject. We have gone over your letter carefully and our opinion is as follows.

1. The instructions you are to give to Mr. Rosenbloom are to be flexible enough so that he could actually start work here without having to come back to you for decisions and approvals. We realize that this is a big order, but we also realize that you have picked a man in whom you can have confidence; you also have to bear in mind that 6000 miles is a long distance to go for instructions.

2. He is to come here with the cash, or the cash to be here in the bank waiting for him, ready for his action when he decides. Please do not mind the harshness of this last statement. Even though we realize that we need not tell you these things, but a reminder never harms and we can afford to be frank with our own. People have been coming to look over and to go back to report or to go back for instructions, and these methods had a demoralizing effect.

3. The credit required in the country as far as the colonists are concerned could be subdivided into the following classes,

- a. credit on crops
- b. credit for working before the crop is out and off the fields and orchards.
- c. credit for live stock and inventory.
- d. credit for permanent improvements for individuals
- e. credit for communal inventory.
- f. credit for communal permanent improvements.

It is our opinion that the start ought to be made with (a) and let the undertaking develop normally and adjust itself to conditions. The rule however is to be

flexible enough to allow the individual decision to govern in specific cases. There are many ramifications to this class of credit, such as the relations with the colonists as to disposal of the crop, the storage, additional guarantees in case of a larger credit etc., but with all that Mr. Rosenbloom will acquaint himself when here.

4. While the other classes of credit are to be considered as a natural development of the activities and therefore to be postponed for a while, certain instances may present themselves at the very beginning, that will be desirable. As an instance. The government has approved or is about to approve the building of roads from Petach Tikvah to Jaffa, and from Rishon to the main highway. The Government will build these roads if the colonies can secure the necessary capital as a loan to be guaranteed by the Government by the taxes collected by the Government from these colonies. This loan to be a first lien on the taxes. The taxes collected from these colonies at any rate are ample to take care of the interest and amortization. A credit of this kind would be a desirable one to advance.

5. It is rather hard, in fact impossible to give even an approximation of what is needed at present, it is still harder to estimate what amount of capital could be advantageously and safely placed (without causing or stimulating Chalukah tendencies) in the future. There is a lack of statistics, at any rate reliable statistics. Class (a) should

not absorb any more than about L.E. 50000 the first year, while on the other hand an item as instanced in four would alontake up about L.E. 25000. It is therefore our opinion that the quarter of a million dollars ought to be about right to start with. What it should develop into i.e. what would be that ultimate capital required, no judgment should be passed.

6. The object of this undertaking to be not only the credit per se but also the stimulation of self help and self credit i.e. mutual credits, therefore the methods of operation should follow along.

- a. credit to be given to Arabs and Jews on exactly same conditions and terms
- b. credit to be given preferably thru the existing cooperative agencies. In some colonies there are such agencies in existence. Some of them may need mending, some may need stimulation. The credit can be used as an instrument for bringing about desirable results, but it should not be overstrained in driving for these results.
- c. Credit to individuals, where there are not enough cooperative agencies to be used as an instrument, (as far as possible) for the creation of a cooperative agency by practical demonstration of the advantages of such agency. As for instance, if two or three individuals in a small colony, each wanting credit, say small credit, apply jointly, the expense of placing the credit and collecting it can be distributed over two or three etc.
- d. No fast laid down rule for all cooperatives to be the same to start with, local conditions will vary. The uniformity of action however is to be aimed at.
- e. Not to tie up with any cooperative in a binding way.
- f. Participation in profit by the users of the credit. Their part of the profit to be turned over to them in the form of shares of stock.

7. Management of the undertaking, In connection with this phase I would refer you to my letter to the Palestine Development Council where the proposition of credit is outlined. I believe it is letter no.2. I have however looked into this question a little further and I believe the expense could be reduced somewhat at the beginning. There is also the possibility of finding someone of the employees, of the Anglo-bank who would answer the requirements. Of course Mr. Rosenbloom will go into the details and decide upon them. One phase of it however, is important and that is - the local management is to have enough of autonomy to allow proper working.

I have talked over this matter with Col. Solomon, who has just returned from England and took over the post of the Director of Commerce and Industry. He has informed me to-day that he wants some further details. I will see him in about a week, when I return to Jerusalem. When I get his ideas on the subject I will communicate them to you.

Yours very truly

(signed)

EM. N. MOHL

Jerusalem
October 25, 21.

Mr. R. Szold
43 Exchange Pl.
New York

Dear Szold:

Under a separate cover to-gether with a letter addressed to deHaas I am sending you some copies of the ordinances that might be of use to you. On account of the fact that the American mail does not go out before today I held up some of my letters in order to have Miss Szold & Kesselman read them. You will therefore get my letter # 3, the copies of the ordinances and this letter all at the same time even though they were written on different dates.

Even though a layman I will venture to give an opinion as to the question of method of incorporation or legalization.

The tax upon a foreign Co. registered in Palestine for work in Palestine is quite high. But how about the Delaware Corporation purchasing stock of a Palestine corporation.

Mr. Rosenbloom ought to have with him a power of attorney to either register the Co. here or to incorporate one here.

Let him have along 2 copies of the articles of incorporation, 2 copies of by-laws and a power of attorney, all under the seal of the corporation and all attested to by a notary.

If any question of law etc. arises, I am certain, that Mr. Bentwich will go out of his way to aid and assist, besides, the government here has quite some discretionary powers, which it is always ready to use if a definite piece of work for Palestine will require it.

Yours sincerely,

Em. M. Mohl

MAURICE L. AVNER
BERGER BUILDING
PITTSBURGH

October 25, 1921

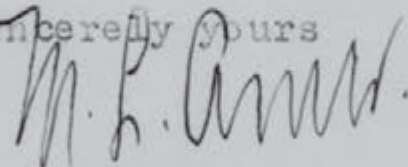
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
c/o The Temple
55th Street & Central Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi,-

The holidays interfering I did not get your letter in time to answer it before today. We plan a more or less formal dinner which could be held only of an evening. We want a little time to make the proper arrangements. Our local money is pretty well collected in, and therefore the purpose of our dinner is to get fresh money. Could you not give us an evening somewhere along the middle of November, say the 16th or 17th?

Your advice will oblige

Very sincerely yours



P. S. Have you been in touch with Morris Neaman regarding League work in the Western Pennsylvania towns? Neaman always looked after the surrounding towns and did very creditable work, both in organization and in raising of money. He expects to give considerable time this winter to League work in the Western Pennsylvania field and apparently is waiting for instructions. Would it be wise to write him inviting his taking charge in that field? You may address him at #308 Roberts Street, Pittsburgh. Let the suggestion be original with you.

M. L. A.

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Paid Day Letter

October 26th, 1921.

To D. W. Simon
326 Majestic Building
Detroit, Mich.

Have not received a reply to my last letter.
Are you making any arrangements for a meeting?

A. H. Silver.



October twenty-sixth
1921

Mr. Fred Butzel,
1012 Union Trust Building,
Detroit, Mich.

My dear Mr. Butzel,

I was delighted to hear that you will co-operate with us in our work. You are undoubtedly familiar with the progress we are making in launching the Palestine Co-operative Company, a co-operative bank, our first enterprise.

Mr. Sol Rosenblum of Pittsburgh and Mr. Robert Zsold are about to leave for Palestine to found this bank. We must, however, make up \$250,000.00, which they must have in hand before they can set out on their mission. At the Pittsburgh conference, Mr. Simon pledged for Detroit \$50,000, of which, I believe some \$10,000 came in.

Mr. Simon wrote me some time ago, that a meeting or luncheon, to which I would be invited, might help. What do you think about it? What are your suggestions as to the best way to raise the amount we need.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

October twenty-sixth

1921

Mr. S. S. Bloom,
4617 North Broad Street,
Philadelphia, Penna.

My dear Mr. Bloom,

I am very anxious to get the work of the Palestine Development League started in Philadelphia. You know that we are at present engaged in selling stock for the Palestine Co-operative Company, the first enterprise of the Palestine Development Council. Knowing of your deep interest in the work, I am addressing myself to you in the hope that you will take the initiative in organizing our activities in your city. Mr. Sol Rosenblum of Pittsburgh and Mr. Robert Zsold are about to leave for Palestine to found a co-operative bank. We must raise at once a quarter of a million dollars to enable them to proceed with their mission.

Mr. Jacob Billikopf, who has accepted membership on the Central Committee, stands ready at all times to co-operate with you. There is quite a group of representative Philadelphia Jews who will join with you enthusiastically as soon as you call them together.

I am enclosing herewith a prospectus that will give you complete information concerning the project which we have launched.

May I not hear from you at your earliest convenience.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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320 Majestic Building
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A. H. Silver.

City of Detroit

COMMON COUNCIL
326 Majestic Bldg.,

DAVID W. SIMONS
COUNCILMAN

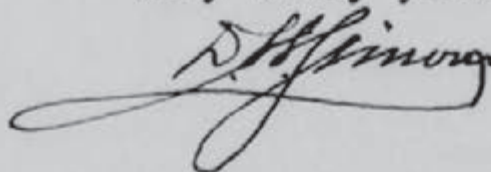
October 26th, 1921

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi:

I regret very much the forced delay in my reply, owing to the holidays and other matters that prevented me from more prompt action. I beg to state, however, that I appreciate exceedingly your kind offer of assistance, but owing to the Community Drive here, which is absorbing all attention, we were compelled to postpone the date you suggested. As soon as I can get the attention of the people interested with me in our affair, I will call a meeting and decide upon some time in the near future that may suit your convenience. Thanking you for your kind attention, I remain,

Very truly yours,



Paid Day Letter

October 26th, 1921

To Maurice Avner
Berger Building,
Pittsburgh, Penna.

Please let me know by wire whether you have
arranged a meeting for the thirty-first.

A. H. Silver

Prof. A. H. Silver

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W. L. Greener

RABBI SAMUEL J. ABRAMS
26 FULLER STREET
BROOKLINE, MASS.

Oct. 26/21

Dear Abr.:

I have just written to Mr. DE Haas of my willingness to serve on the Central Committee. I shall do whatever I can in that direction. I shall be glad to receive from time to time all information, verbal and printed, bearing on this work. Keep me posted with the work and with your personal self. Let me know when you intend being around Boston. Hope you are well.

As ever,
Sam.

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Dear Sir

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Cordially, W. H. M.

October twenty-seven
1921

Mr. Maurice L. Avner,
Berger Building,
Pittsburgh, Penna.

My dear Mr. Avner,

Just received your letter and telegram. I am glad to learn that you are arranging a meeting for the purpose of raising additional subscriptions, and that your original pledges are pretty well collected.

It would be very difficult for me to get away either on the 16th or 17th of November. I am scheduled for Chicago on the 14th and Milwaukee on the 15th. The only day I could give you in November would be Wednesday evening, November 7th. If that be acceptable for you and will give you ample time for your preparations, please let me know.

I shall write to Morris Neaman.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

ROBERT SZOLD
37 WALL STREET
NEW YORK

43 Exchange Place,

November 1, 1921.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
Care of The Temple,
East 55th Street,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Information has reached me from Mr. Kaplan and Mr. Bloom that you have told them that I intended to go with Mr. Rosenbloom to Palestine. There must be some mistake about this. I have never intended to return with Mr. Rosenbloom. Perhaps you were thinking of Ben Cohen.

We have been encouraged to receive evidence of your work in Cleveland. On the situation in general, however, I personally feel that unless we can raise the balance of not much more than \$100,000. within a comparatively short time, we ought to quit.

Faithfully yours,

Robert Szold

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M ROSEMAN SO WASHINGTON STREET GREENBAY WISCONSIN IS LEAVING TODAY
 FOR MILWAUKEE TO ARRANGE FOR MEETING FIFTEENTH DESIRES TO KNOW
 WHAT YOUR ENGAGEMENT IS MILWAUKEE WHAT TIME YOU WOULD BE FREE WHETHER
 YOU PREFER MASS MEETING OR GROUP MEETING, HAVE INFORMED HIM AND ADVISED
 GROUP MEETING PLEASE ADVISE HIM BY WIRE FULLY AS HE IS EXTREMELY
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JACOB DEHAAS

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Nov. 3, 1921.

Mr. M. Roseman
South Wahsington Street,
Greenbay, Wisconsin.

Will be in Milwaukee for evening meeting of Council of
Jewish Women. Can arrive in time for a noon luncheon
in behalf of the Palestine Development League.

Please wire me of your arrangements.

Rabbi A. H. Silver.

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M ROSEMAN,

Mr. 15

PALESTINE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

31 UNION SQUARE

ROOMS 1102-3-4

NEW YORK , November 4, 1921.

LOUIS D. BRANDEIS, *Honorary Chairman.*
JULIAN W. MACK, *Chairman.*
SOL. S. ROSENBLOOM, *Treas. of Council.*
EMIL WEINHEIM, *Treas. Administra. Fund.*
JACOB DE HAAS, *Secretary.*

Dear Dr. Silver:

I did not get time yesterday, because of the meetings on the other thing, to answer your letter.

Enclosed letters to LDB and copy of his answer give you the situation. I did not send you a copy of this because Wise said, at the conference last Saturday that he would write or wire you, or perhaps see you--I have forgotten which. He has been in Ohio all week and gets back only tomorrow night.

I purpose calling those of our group who are here together at some hour Sunday afternoon agreeable to Wise, inasmuch as Mrs. Fels is leaving town for two weeks on Monday.

I am wondering whether it would be possible for you to be here at any time during the coming week. I myself shall have to be away on Tuesday, but any other time would be agreeable to me, although I am holding Court until four o'clock every day except, I assume, Friday, Armistice Day, which is to be a National holiday. I could give the whole or any part of the daytime of that day to conferences. Please wire me on this point. ✓

I am very glad to note that you are going to attend the Pittsburgh meeting and that you are stirring them up in Chicago for the time that you get there. I know that every fellow thinks his own city the hardest. I haven't any doubt Chicago is the worst.

Cincinnati wants you too. Sam Fechheimer was here early in the week and expects to be home in about ten days. He himself will subscribe \$2500, but he needs you in order to get others. ✓

I assume that the office wrote you about a Sunday night meeting two weeks ago. About 150 people were invited. The notices, unfortunately, went out late, but despite this we had between 70 and 75 there, at Israel Goldstein's Synagogue House, West 88th Street. Wise and I spoke. Several pledges were made, from \$1000 down, and several agreed to be captains, securing their own lieutenants, of \$5000 teams. Mrs. DeHaas'

Dr. A. H. Silver

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sister and her husband, Lefkovitz, said that they would raise \$15,000. The \$7500 which DeHaas said yesterday would be brought in today is on account of this \$15,000.

I am to address a parlor meeting tomorrow night and another one in a week, in New York. Wise had hoped to get a group together and will do so the moment he returns.

I am passing on your letter with its suggestion for some sort of an appeal from LDB and me, to LDB. But you know his views on this subject, indicated again in his letter of yesterday, copy of which I am sending you.

I sent out letters yesterday, asking cash or notes on every pledge heretofore made.

As to the League folder, the delay has been due to the inability to get answers either of acceptance or rejection from some people whose names we wanted to have in it. Nevertheless, I directed a few days ago that we wait no longer, and I am advised by the office at this moment that some of the folders are expected in this afternoon from the printer, and some will be sent to you.

(Enclosures)

J.W.M.

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

P. S. - My letter of November 2d to LDB and FF is my office copy; therefore please return that.

Woolworth Building,
November 4, 1921.

LDB - FF - AHS - SR - RS - SJR - NRL - DeH

Conference this afternoon - Lehman
Ernst, Bernheim and Neumberg, of the JDC,
with me.

(1) All agreed to my suggestion that an endeavor should be made to get the Economic Council to put up 12-1/2 or 10 instead of 5--basis our proportion to the JDC or the ICA proportion to the JDC.

(2) Lehman opposed to Ben Cohen first preferred stock instead of loan solely because of difficulty in working out right to call and liquidation. It is possible that this may be accepted, but I doubt it.

(3) Lehman wants positive statement of a negative, namely, that the organization is in no sense a political and not for political purposes. I advised, more valuable to confine ourselves to the positive statement of what we are for. He is insistent and we shall discuss this.

(4) My suggestions of Singer or Van Vriesland, in all probability, acceptable. Lehman, however, also suggested Pool, if we could get him. He stated Pool cabled that he is returning to America in January. I told him I should have to discuss the Pool question with my group, although I personally was deeply impressed by his business-like letters.

J.W.M.

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Woolworth Building,
November 4, 1921.

LDB - FF - AHS

Two annotations to my letter of November 2d re
DeHaas:

(1) Yesterday he told us that his sister-in-law and her husband, Lefkovitz, who had agreed at the Sunday night meeting a couple of weeks ago to raise \$15,000, were going to bring in today some \$7400 in cash and in good notes on account. DeH himself and his wife had been active in assisting them.

(2) As if to contradict my judgment about his literary skill, he has what I think is an excellently written letter in the Jewish Chronicle, which I here enclose to LDB, who will please send it to AHS. FF saw the original.

J.W.M.

(Enclosure)

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November 4th, 1921.

Mr. Robert Szold,
43 Exchange Place,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Szold,

I was really under the impression
that you were planning to accompany Mr.
Rosenbloom to Palestine.

You say, that unless we can raise
the balance within a comparatively short
time, we ought to quit. I agree with you,
but why not try to raise it. New York has
been terribly slow. Why don't you and your
friends take the initiative in this work in
New York City.

With kindest regards, and hoping to
see you soon again, I beg to remain,

Very sincerely yours,

Novem ber 4th, 1921.

Mr. M. Roseman
South Wahsington St.,
Greenbay Wisconsin.

Will be in Milwaukee Tuesday

November 15th.

Rabbi A. H. Silver.

Woolworth Building,
New York City,
November 7, 1921.

LDB - SSW - FF - AHS:

Conference yesterday at my apartment - SSW - MF - Mrs. L.-
SJR - LSP - RS.

SSW is preparing a memo for you in view of his experience out west. He feels strongly, and all agreed, that to raise money we must adopt other methods than mere reliance on spontaneous local activities; that some of us will have to do some traveling and talking. He feels, further, that outside of New York we can get comparatively little aid from Zionists, but that we can get aid from non-Zionist Reform Jews on the plea that we stand solely for Palestine and that our work has nothing to do with the political situation.

We were all, except Mrs. L., of the opinion that if a more energetic form of campaign is to be opened, DeH should be given a chance. She felt strongly that it was only postponing the evil day. MF felt very doubtful of any result. I told them that I would see LDB Tuesday night and talk it over and would call another meeting Wednesday or Thursday. I had tried to get Weinheim to the meeting, but was unable to reach him, and have told him nothing about the situation.

I had a private talk with MF in relation to your suggestion of DeH's going to Palestine. This suggestion is known only to SSW, FF and AHS. SSW had left before I had this private talk. MF is strongly of the opinion, first, that Mrs. DeH would not now go; she prefers the children to be brought up here; second, that it would be disastrous to have DeH go even as a private citizen. She feels that he does not understand the Palestinians and that the Palestinians are against him.

She herself is completely taken with Alex Aaronsohn and Israel Blumenfeld and everything that they stand for. Any Palestinian who would oppose anything that they stand for, she thinks is against Palestine.--this in spite of the fact that, if I apprehend the situation rightly, the great majority of Palestinians, rightly or wrongly, have always been against AA and his family. But she was absolutely positive that nothing could be more injurious than for DeH to settle in Palestine now. I merely got her view but did not argue the matter with her.

FF this morning writes, in answer to LDB's suggestion about DeH and Palestine, "strongly approve it after the manager of the Co-op. shall have been picked out".

J.W.M.

Nov. 9, 1921

Hon. L.L. Brandeis,
Washington, D.C.
Dear Justice Brandeis:

I have just returned from a short trip in the Middle West, one of the few out-of-town trips I am to have this year, arrangements therefor having been made prior to my illness. Wherever I have been I have discussed with members of the Jewish community what can be done on behalf of the Palestine Development League. The answers that have been given to me and the spirit in which they have been made have led me to reach certain decisions. They may seem to you and to Judge Mack and others not to tally with judgments formed in the summer at the time of the founding of our League, but I must not permit my preconceptions to stand in the way of decisions reached after consultation with others.

I find first that German Reform Jews who have up to this time been opposed to Zionism, are in very considerable part prepared to support our work. In studying the motives that lie back of the decision, I am prepared to say that a considerable element in the case is the feeling of regret on the part of these Jews to have rendered no service to Palestine, which means something to most of them and much to many of them. Membership in and support of our League would be their way of expressing their Jewish interest in something that concerns Palestine and the Jewish people. I think I put it to Judge Mack that membership in our League is a method of expressing their repentance touching their opposition to Zionism.

My second conclusion is that this decision on the part of the German Reform Jews has been reached in part because of their eagerness to side with us particularly on so-called anti-nationalist grounds as against the Weitzmann conception. It may be that they consider us diluted Zionists and are ready to side with the minimum Zionism as they see it as against a maximum Zionism.

It is only fair to say that their support of us is dictated by this viewpoint rather than by any special confidence in us. Their own position may be in some part of anti-West European and pro-minimum Zionism.

In speaking with individuals and groups, I saved my own soul, if I could, by making clear that my Zionism is unmodified and unqualified, but that this is work which non-Zionists as well as Zionists can do who believe in the possibility of building up Palestine, whether Palestine is to become a home for Jews or the Jewish homeland.

I am regretfully compelled to the conclusion that there is no possibility among non-Zionists of moving them to take shares in our Palestine enterprises until after they have been leagued together, -- that is to say until after the leagues shall have been formed. Let me cite a case in point: I came to Pittsburgh prepared to urge

the people, one hundred or more, who gathered for luncheon, to take shares in our first enterprise. Rosenbloom and Avner insisted that this must not be done and that my word was to be directed at the founding of a local League. They insisted that subsequently,-- perhaps at the time of Rosenbloom's departure, Silver and Mack would be urged to come to Pittsburgh with a view to securing subscriptions. You will note that this was done in the case of a group that was almost exclusively Zionists, there having been no more than a few personal friends of mine who are non-Zionists present at the luncheon.

In Dayton, we had a small but excellent group, including the Rabbi, who is most sympathetic, and a curiously named communal leader, Mr. Kussworm, who is prepared to serve with Rabbi Mayerberg in a League Organization Committee that shall represent all groups and factions in Dayton. Had I spoken to them out of hand about subscribing to a particular enterprise of the League, there would have been no response.

The thing to do, I see, is to organize Palestine Leagues in communities made up of those Zionists who have been and remain at our side and the non-Zionist pro-Palestine Jews who for one reason or another can be won over.

I need hardly say to you, dear Justice Brandeis, that I wish I did not see the thing as I do. I know what it means and what it will entail in the matter of renewal of old burdens as far as a few of us, including Silver, Mack and myself, are concerned, but I see no other way. We do not want to spend a great deal of money and we must not, but I am fearful that generally speaking local initiative will not function until after some degree of stimulation on our part. And prior to any real participation in the enterprises, there must be a banding or leagueing together of the men and women who are with us.

In New York, I conceive the case to be rather different. The anti-Zionists outside of New York may be, and I believe are, penitent, but the non-Zionists of New York are neither penitent nor impenitent. They remain indifferent, detached, untouched.

With hearty greetings,

Faithfully yours,

PALESTINE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

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NEW YORK, November 9, 1921.

LOUIS D. BRANDEIS, *Honorary Chairman.*
JULIAN W. MACK, *Chairman.*
SOL. S. ROSENBLOOM, *Treas. of Council.*
EMIL WEINHEIM, *Treas. Administra. Fund.*
JACOB DE HAAS, *Secretary.*

My dear Silver:

Yours of the 7th at hand. Enclosed tells the situation.

You must have forgotten, because I feel sure you knew at the time, that this is not a new project due to discouragement, but a very old one. Last winter, when we were still in control of the ZOA, Flexner started getting together \$50,000 to be put into my hands as Trustee, for the creation of just this thing and in the belief that the JDC would make the loan of \$250,000 to us as a private corporation. To this fund Nathan Straus and Mrs. Fels each contributed \$5,000, and Peter Schweitzer, \$1000. I got in all something over \$15,000. Then came some doubts about the JDC's making the loan, and so it was not pushed for a time. Rosenbloom was ready to give his \$10,000 either for this or generally, as I preferred.

After Cleveland and before Pittsburgh, I took the matter up with Herbert Lehman, and I found definitely that they would not make a loan to our group as such if we launched it from Pittsburgh as the enterprise of our group.

From the beginning there had been some talk of the British Economic Council possibly being asked to join in.

You may remember that I said publicly in Pittsburgh that the loan fund matter was probably being taken care of in some other way, and it was for that reason that we adopted the Wholesale Supply as our first enterprise.

The matter came up again actively when Rosenberg was about to go to Europe for the JDC. I go into all these details so that you may be sure that none of us approves this thing merely from the standpoint of discouragement in our own separate venture, but because each one of us here believes that a joint venture of this kind is fully and exactly in accordance with our own aims. We retain our own identity as an American corporation, but in creating a Palestinian corporation to which we give part of our funds, we are ready to join hands with any group that want to do the same job in the same way.

(Enc.)

I am telegraphing Pam, as you suggest.

Cordially yours,

Julian W. Mack

Dr. A. H. Silver.

Dictated but not read
By Judge Mack

MAURICE L. AVNER
BERGER BUILDING
PITTSBURGH

November ninth
nineteen twenty one

Rabbi A. H. Silver
c/o The Temple
55th & Central
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver,-

We are anxiously awaiting word from you as to an available evening date during December for our proposed P. D. L. Banquet. We are trying to tie up the large Banquet Hall of the Wm. Penn Hotel.

Since writing you last, we had the good fortune of having Dr. Wise as our guest for a noon luncheon. He was passing through on his way to Youngstown and Dayton. A hurried call brought us 120 luncheon guests, (of course more women than men). We made no collection and asked for no pledges. Our only request was for a vote favoring the formal organization of a local league at a banquet soon to be held,- upon the condition that subscription to stock be a condition precedent to membership. The "rising" response was almost unanimous and very enthusiastic. We ~~therefore~~ created a social atmosphere which will assure us a successful league launching. We anticipate a dinner of not less than 500 plates. We are in the right humor for work. Another thing in our favor will be the holding of the National Hadassah Conference in Pittsburgh over Thanksgiving Day. Pittsburgh should have the model League of our group. If not, it will be our own fault.

With best wishes

Sincerely

M. L. Avner

Woolworth Building,
New York City,
November 9, 1921.

Conference with JDC Monday night and
with LDB Tuesday night.

(1) Benderly present. No thought of his organization joining the group. He has started an industrial bank on the very strongest business principles.

(2) Pool has accepted a position in this country January first. He therefore is doubtless out of the question. Benderly, in answer to Lehman, did not speak particularly highly of Van Vriesland's ability.

I mentioned Singer's marriage. There was really no discussion of manager.

(3) Everybody, as against Lehman and myself, favored three-fourths vote instead of unanimity to admit any other group, but the terms and conditions on which they are to be admitted are to be defined from the beginning. LDB has no objection to this.

(4) Flexner felt strongly, as LDB did at our original meeting, that the charter must not rigidly tie us down to loans only to co-operatives, although that must be strongly stressed. They were unanimous in adopting this.

LDB is entirely in accord.

I waived the question of preferred stock instead of loan on a very important reason as, it seems to me, given by Benderly: that if the ICA and the JDC were partners and known to be such in Palestine, it would look to the Palestinians like a gift fund and would not make the business impression that would be made if the shares were owned only by the Economic Board and the PDC, strict business corporations, and if it were known that any moneys coming from other sources are strictly loans which must be repaid by us and which therefore compel us to adhere to business principles in making loans.

While LDB did not lay as much stress on this reason as I did, he is entirely content to have it in the shape of loans. He does not regard the matter of particular importance. Moreover, the JDC insists upon it that way.

(5) LDB is strongly inclined to DeHaas's view that we would best accept everything as outlined by Rosenberg or as modified, as above, by the JDC, although he feels strongly that the five

thousand is disproportionate. He is very glad, however, to have Ernst, on behalf of the JDC, point out the disproportion and endeavor to raise it. But so far as we are concerned, he thinks we should accept it without question.

(6) He is totally against our sending anybody over. If Rosenbloom could go at once, it would be fine, but anybody else would not give us eclat, and, as a lawyer, would not be needed. For the same reason he believes that it is a waste of powers to have DeLieme go. He wants to keep him for something more important. On the positive side, he thinks both James and the Baron would feel highly complimented at this expression of confidence and trust from us, and that it may mean a great deal for the future. He is entirely willing to leave the legal details to the solicitors of the British and the French, and so far as any eclat is concerned, he thinks our very appointment of James deR, after our expressions last spring of complete confidence in him, will be valuable also from that point of view.

J.W.M.

City of Detroit

COMMON COUNCIL

DAVID W. SIMONS
COUNCILMAN

November 10th, 1921

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

My dear Rabbi:

I have talked over the matter with Mr. Butzel as to the best time to try and get a meeting of the people interested in our affair, and we concluded that next month would be the most appropriate time to get the attention of some, although under present conditions it will be uphill work, but we do not want to give up until a strong effort is made. Will you kindly advise us as to what date, as near as you can, next month would be most convenient for you to be with us? I regret very much that it was impossible for us to accomplish anything on the date you previously were good enough to assign to us. Hoping to hear from you soon, and with kindest personal regards, I remain,

Very truly yours,



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CABLEGRAM

November 11, 1921.

JAMES DEROTHSCHILD
34 PARK STREET
LONDON

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PDC APPROVED GENERAL TERMS CREDIT UNION BANK SCHEMES
SUBMITTED BY ROSENBERG EARNESTLY REQUESTS AND AUTHORIZES
YOU REPRESENT IT ON ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE HOPING ACTION
WILL RESULT IN BUSINESS OPERATIONS STARTING IN PALESTINE
JANUARY LATEST WILL WRITE OUR DETAILED VIEWS SHALL BE
OBLIGED FOR CABLE ACCEPTANCE

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FREE SYNAGOGUE
NEW YORK

STEPHEN S. WISE
23 WEST 90TH STREET

Nov. 11, 1921

Rabbi A.H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Silver:

Just a word to say that the letter from Calisch has come, and I do not like it. I think his letter is all right, but the spirit he interprets is rotten. Such timidity and incidentally such arrogance in insisting how the Board of the Palestine Council shall be reorganized. Have you answered, and if not, what are you going to say? Do you want to leave the matter open until I see you in Cleveland on the 16th? I shall be at the Statler in the morning after speaking in Harrisburg the night before and will telephone to your office as soon as I get in so that we may have a talk together.

Sincerely yours,

Wise

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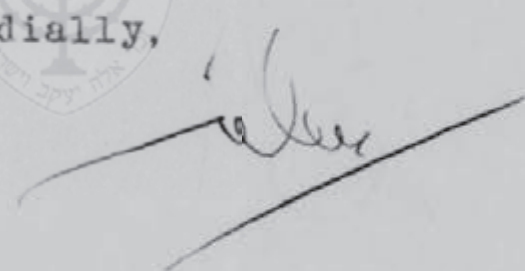
NEW YORK, November 12, 1921.

LOUIS D. BRANDEIS, *Honorary Chairman.*
JULIAN W. MACK, *Chairman.*
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SOL. S. ROSENBLOOM, *Treas. of Council.*
EMIL WEINHEIM, *Treas. Administration Fund.*
JACOB DE HAAS, *Secretary.*

Dear Silver:

The proposition and the letter are both outrageous in my judgment. I have just talked for a minute with Wise over the phone. He is of the same opinion, and says he has written you for the privilege of preparing a scorching answer. I do not think that either of you needs any suggestions from me as to the kind of answer to give. At the same time, it would be well to find out who was at the Executive Committee meeting and who prepared this resolution. It looks like Landman.

Cordially,



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

(COPY)

STONELEIGH COURT
Washington, D.C.

Nov. 14/21

My dear Mr. de Rothschild:

I hasten to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Nov. 4th, which reaches me today and which I am sending to Judge Mack as you request.

Be assured that my associates and I will always give careful consideration to any suggestion coming from you.

Most cordially,

(Sgd.) LOUIS D. BRANDEIS

Mr. James A. de Rothschild

Woolworth Building,
November 14, 1921.

Dear Mr. de Rothschild:

The tentative draft of the projected arrangement for the co-operation of the Economic Council, the I.C.A., the Joint Distribution Committee, and the Palestine Development Council in the establishment of a Co-operative Credit Fund has been carefully considered by our group. The proposed arrangement is in principle entirely satisfactory to us, and we regard it as an example of an earnest and healthful co-operation that may exist in the future between all the parties to the arrangement and particularly between the Economic Council and the Palestine Development Council.

It occurred to the J.D.C. group, as well as to us, that it would probably prove more satisfactory to all if the contribution of the Economic Council to the capital were somewhat larger--one-half or two-fifths rather than one-fifth that of our group: not because of the actual money involved but as a fairer proportion between the two groups. We trust that upon further consideration the Economic Council will be prepared to increase its contribution. But we do not ask you to press the point. In view of the deferred character of the loans of the Joint Distribution Committee and the I.C.A., the liquidation clauses, in the remote contingency of withdrawal by either of these bodies, should of course be so framed that the financial stability and integrity of the institution to be formed will be adequately safeguarded.

The J.D.C. desires that no other group shall come in except with the consent of at least three of the constituent groups. We assent to this. It would be well, too, to emphasize that any such group must be, like the four, a public group, not a private corporation.

We considered the question of sending a representative to London to act on the Organization Committee and to assist in working out the details, but after mature reflection, all of our group were of opinion that the matter could be left

James de Rothschild, Esq.

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in no better hands than your own. You are intimately familiar with the situation and the needs; you understand our common purposes and you enjoy the confidence not only of all of us, but the other groups as well. Mr. Brandeis and I and all our associates will, I assure you, most deeply appreciate your acting with plenary powers in our behalf. We trust you will not refuse us, and we wish you all success.

I hope to receive your favorable answer to the cable (copy of which I enclose). Enclosed are copies of the prospectus of the Palestine Co-operative Company and a leaflet on the Leagues.

With cordial greetings to yourself and Mrs. de Rothschild, in which Mrs. Mack joins me, I am

Yours very sincerely,

(Sgd.) JULIAN W. MACK

Pres., P. D. C.

(Enclosures)

James de Rothschild, Esq.,
34 Park Street,
London, England.

Woolworth Building.
November 14, 1921.

LDB - SSW - PF - AHS - DeH - SR

DeHaas left his card for the Europeans on Friday. Wise, DeHaas and I decided that we ought to pay a courtesy call, and we did so Saturday. We met the present rulers of the Z. O. coming out.

Sok was not in. We met Warburg, Jabotinsky and Goldstein and had a pleasant talk for about a half hour, Jab doing the talking, giving his views on the Arab question. We entered into no discussion of any kind.

We decided further that if any of them want to talk to us, they and no intermediary should do the talking, and that we would do the listening.

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STOP ARRANGEMENTS CENTER ON YOUR PRESENCE AS PRINCIPAL SPEAKER STOP
COMPELLED TO SELECT DATE IN ORDER TO HAVE SUFFICIENT TIME TO ARRANGE
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JUDGE MACK
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AFTER ANALYSIS OF MY PLAN BY BARON ROTHSCHILD AND ASSOCIATES THEY
WOULD JOIN THE BOARD SUBSCRIBE SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNTS PROVIDING
PROMINENT AMERICANS ALSO JOIN PLEASE WIRE YOUR APPROVAL HOTEL SAVOY

SILBERZWEIG

AHS

November 15th, 1921

Dear Mr. Brandeis:

I think you will be interested in the following:

Dr. Shohar called to see me today having returned from Palestine which he left in August, having attended the Carlebad Congress and spent a month in Poland and Lithuania doing x-ray work. You will recall he went to Palestine with the Unit and did x-ray work; has been there altogether two years and six months. Shohar was very socialistically inclined originally and rather difficult to get on with but he stayed out his contract, etc. He has come home with the intention of making some business connections and returning with his wife and child who have been in this country all this time, to Palestine. He speaks Hebrew, Arabic and Yiddish and plays freely with the radicals so I think he brings us a rather new point-of-view in some respects.

First, he does not believe that any organization can build up Palestine. The organizations can only assist. The job is for the individual and the small group. It is better to do things badly at the start than not to start. He expected to make blunders and saw no reason why his son, when he grows up, should not have some worries too. The Pinsk and Smorgon view, - he comes from the latter city, was crude and difficult to deal with because it was always trying to set up some new principles but after all, these were the people who would settle in Palestine and not the Americans except in individual cases. The inaction of the last 18 months had been a desperate factor. It had led to much inertia and that must be overcome. That is why he welcomed any effort even when he saw it was blundering. He said that the Jews in Palestine were waking up from their hashish dream and were beginning to think in normal figures. Prices are going down and the difficulty of building was principally in Jerusalem where not a house has been built because there is no material available.

Second, the Arab problem did not worry him. He said he did not believe any Jews left Palestine because of the Arab agitation. He believed it desirable that the mandate should be settled because it would remove one Arab lever. It would not end the agitation altogether but the Arabs did have the feeling that as long as the question was open there was something to be done or might be done. It was only from that point-of-view that he was interested in the mandate one way or the other.

Mr. Brandeis - November 15th

He suggested that we ought to have our own man in Palestine devoted entirely to the investigation of economic possibilities. Ruppin was too busy with P. L. D. C. matters to do it and he had ~~experimented~~ by experiment seen what a long job it was. There had been plenty of Americans going there, any and all of whom might have remained in the country and invested their money if there was someone there who could give them accurate information.

He said the P.Z.s were only spouting outside of Palestine. In Palestine the sense of responsibility had a very big restraining effect. Trotsky had managed to smuggle in a few comrades with a definite idea of attacking the British Government but that the union of the radicals which is a federation on labor questions only, had immediately taken opposition against them and that the groups known as the MOPS had been opposed at every hand. Instancing men after men, he said he saw in Palestine with its pressure of responsibility upon the Jews, a very fine cure for Bolshevik tendencies. He drew contrasts that were extremely interesting as between the attitude of the same type of Jew in Europe and his conduct in Palestine, instancing Ben Zvi, Ben Gurion, and others whom I know. He told me that they would not allow the labor question to interfere with the progress of the country; that in the National Assembly they had an overwhelming majority because the orthodox refrained from coming in but by persistence and self-restraint had managed to set a very good example. All talk of these men being communists ~~was~~ or skirting of seeking a radically extreme position was a falsehood from top to bottom. Some might talk in the parlance of the radicals but every instance that he had occasioned to observe, and he was a member of the Assembly and very mixed up in the labor movements, showed him that in actual action they were as conservative as the Chalukha Jews. He said the party question is outside of Palestine, not in it, making the point that Pinski in New York had practically made his living for four years, writing over the fight between Yiddish and Hebrew, whereas in Palestine there had not been any such struggle and there was no such struggle. The people were trying to talk Hebrew. Ben Jehuda was making a fuss about it but there was no division in the population on the subject. He thinks Ben Avri did a great deal to strengthen Ussishkin's position by his extreme personal animosity.

Yours,

(Jacob de Haas)

Dictated but not read.
Copy to JWM, SSW, PF, AHS, & SR

JdeH/RDC

(COPY)

NOVEMBER 16, 1921.

SILBERZWEIG
HOTEL SAVOY
LONDON

IF YOU OBTAIN WRITTEN SUBSCRIPTIONS OR PLEDGES ABSOLUTE OR
CONDITIONAL OUR JOINING WILL CAREFULLY CONSIDER PROJECT ON
YOUR RETURN



MAURICE L. AVNER
BERGER BUILDING
PITTSBURGH

November eighteenth
nineteen twenty one

Rabbi A. H. Silver
c/o The Temple
55th Street & Central Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver, -

Acknowledging receipt of your telegram as to the 22nd of December. It has been necessary to take so many things into consideration that we have a reasonable excuse for being so shiftless in the fixing of the final date for the Rosenbloom Banquet. After Mr. & Mrs. Rosenbloom and myself had decided on the 22nd as the best of a number of unsatisfactory dates, I sent you the night letter. Next day I took the matter up with Mr. Neaman, Professor Abrams and a few others and they strenuously objected to a pre-Christmas date on the ground that the very thing we were after, - raising of funds for the P. D. L., would be seriously affected by the holding of the dinner at a time when many of the merchants, and particularly most of the surrounding town merchants, could not possibly attend. We were confronted also with the fact that the Rosenblooms very properly wanted a date when their children could be present, they being away at school.

By using some influence we have now succeeded in getting the big banquet room of the Wm. Penn Hotel for Tuesday night, January 3rd, 1922. This date happens to be acceptable to everybody here but myself. I had promised my wife a tenth year honeymoon trip covering the Christmas-New Year's season, but our trip can stand postponing for the sake of the opportunity which this banquet gives us. Mr. Rosenbloom, who is now in New York, has been advised of the change of date and it remains only to be certain that this change will meet with your approval.

I understood that I had made it clear that the real purpose of the banquet was the selling of our stock. Not that we do not want to honor the Rosenblooms, but that is only the means towards the end. We purpose to issue invitations in the name of the associates of the local P.D.L.

MAURICE L. AVNER
BERGER BUILDING
PITTSBURGH

Rabbi A. H. Silver-2

11-18-1921

Tomorrow (Saturday night) Mr. Neaman, Professor Abrams
and myself are to meet with Mrs. Rosenbloom, at her home, to
arrange the details. If possible would you wire me at my home
5847 Beacon Street, Pittsburgh. confirming January third.

Hoping that at last we will have a unanimously agreed
upon date, I am

With best wishes



Sincerely



Amner

Woolworth Building,
New York City,
November 18, 1921.

LDB - SS [REDACTED] - SR - FF- RS - SJR - NRL - MF - LSP

In the course of telephone conversation yesterday with Mr. Marshall on legal matters, he said Goldstein's speech Sunday night was a gem: the best of all. He asked me whether I had seen Sok; said he, M., was extremely anxious that there be unity: that without it neither side could do anything in the way of money getting, and that I could command his services in any way to bring about unity of action.

At 5:30 Sokolow was to call on me at my apartment. He was to call on SSW at his house after calling on me, but it was arranged instead that SSW would be at my apartment.

He came accompanied by Prof. Warburg and Dr. Goldstein and spent a pleasant hour or more with Mrs. Mack, SSW and me. All possible subjects except those uppermost in the minds of all were discussed. It remained a purely courtesy return call.

At night DeHaas and I spoke to a small gathering of earnest men and women in his old neighborhood, Washington Heights. \$1500 was subscribed and work promised.

J.W.M.

Woolworth Building.
New York City,
November 22, 1921.

LDB - SSW - ABH - RS - SR - DeH - MF - NRL - SJR - LSP

Julius Meyer, FF and Conrad sent out invitations to meet me at night.

Rabbi Abrams presided. Waldstein leading spirit-- he would like us to devote energies to fighting the present ZOA leaders. I had to explain to him publicly, as well as privately, why we won't waste energy this way.

About thirty men and women present--all old-time Zionists. Dr. Morrison, a very fine fellow, who, I had been told, felt that as we were beaten in June, he at least ought to accept the result, was present and went on the League Executive Committee. He asked several questions indicative of his serious internal struggles despite agreement with our views. He wants, if possible, to pay his subscription to University Medical Fund in our first preferred stock, if they will let him.

Thirteen hundred dollars stock was subscribed. Conrad was not well; didn't come: over phone he refused \$5,000 as requested, or anything like it: said he'd talk over with Kirstein this week what they should do. I'll see K. here this week but I'm not hopeful for much. C. feels first obligation to help make good local Federation heavy deficit and then JDC.

FF and I spoke--Abrams, Chairman; Mrs. Berman, V. C.; Berman, Treasurer.

JWM

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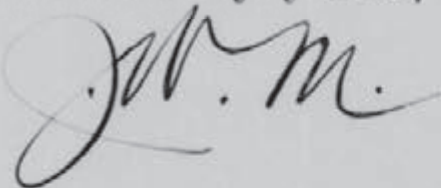
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November 22, 1921.

Dear Silver:

I was out of town yesterday when your letter came, and today I have been so overwhelmed that I haven't been able personally to call up Wise and DeHaas. I want to get hold of them before answering. I'll endeavor, however, to answer tomorrow.

Cordially yours,



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

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(Sok. to LDB)

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Dear Mr. Brandeis,

I arrived here for a day or two and I would like very much to have the pleasure of seeing you. Oblige me, please, by letting me know when you would be kind enough to meet me. My daughter who is with me here joins in my cordial compliments.

Yours most faithfully,

(Sgd.) Nahum Sokolow

(LDB to Sok.)

Nov. 22/21

My dear Mr. Sokolow:

Let me thank you for your note.

If your engagements permit I will give myself the pleasure of calling on you and your daughter at half-past four o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Cordially,

(Sgd.) Louis D. Brandeis

(Sok. to LDB)

Nov. 22/21

My dear Justice Brandeis,

Many thanks for your kind reply.

I shall be delighted to meet you here tomorrow at half past four o'clock.

With my kindest regards

Yours most faithfully

(Sgd.) Nahum Sokolow

(COPY)

Washington 11/23/24

JWM - SSW - DeH.

1. I enclose my correspondence with Sokolow. I called on him at 4:30 remained 3/4 of an hour--his daughter coming in while I was there. I opened the conversation by reference to his having seen (yesterday) Under-Secretary Fletcher. He told me that he called on him, had had a long talk with Balfour and a few words with Briand--all in the desire to push action as to Mandate, i.e. Dr. Rappard, Chairman of Mandate Comm. having urged that this be pushed forward if possible. I suggested that it might be politic for him to see Schenzer also. He leaves for N. Y. tomorrow A.M. to attend the big meeting and is to return Monday.

Most of the talk (I leading) was about Zionist affairs. I told him of experience in several cities and discussed with him possibilities as to what he might do in St. Louis and Chicago and elsewhere as if nothing had happened. There was a short intermezzo on the Negro question. Just as I was leaving he said that he was very sorry for the split, or something like that, and I said it was "unfortunate". He indicated in a word that it should be healed and I said good-bye. He had said before that when he returned he would want to get my advice on some matters, without suggesting what, but rather intimating that it had reference to the mandate. I did not answer, and no appointment for next week has been made. But he will surely essay a return visit.

2. Re DeH. on Mizrahi--In how long a time was that \$40,000 (80,000) deficit earned? What period did the account cover?

L.D.B.

City of Detroit

COMMON COUNCIL

DAVID W. SIMONS
COUNCILMAN

November 23d, 1921

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi:

Your esteemed favor of recent date received, and the date you name, Monday, December 12th, will be agreeable to us, and we shall proceed immediately to make arrangements for such meeting. I have called a conference of those who have already made payment and will proceed to arrange for that date. In the meantime we will try and make an effort to line up members for the League, as you suggest. Thanking you for your kind attention,

Very sincerely yours,



326 Majestic Bldg.

PALESTINE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

31 UNION SQUARE

ROOMS 1102-3-4

NEW YORK

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November 26, 1921.

Dear Silver:

DeHaas tells me that he has a letter from you, suggesting a meeting between Calisch, a representative of the I.O.B.B. and some of us, and intimating Cleveland as a good place.

I should be glad to have that done and to have you represent all of us. It is impossible for me to get to Cleveland at this time.

But I do think it very important that you get to New York in the very near future. If you will only let me know when you can come, I will endeavor to get our people together. We must do something,--more than we are doing.

I. D. Morrison, a lawyer and one of the founders of Zionism in this country, asked thirty-five people to his house to hear me. Not a single one came. They all belong to Israel Goldstein's congregation on West 88th Street.

Evidently Lehman has heard nothing from Rosenberg about the action that we expected the ICA to take in Paris on the 19th. We had hoped for a cable. None has come. What it means, I do not know.



DeHaas and Rosensohn had a long talk with Harry Fischel a couple of days ago in regard to raising \$250,000 to be used specifically as loans to encourage building of houses. He fully accepted our fundamental principles of co-operation and six per cent. limitation; co-operation to be carried out through the building loan association plan as practiced in this country but modified to conditions. F. feels sure he can raise a quarter of a million. Whether it should be an independent company under us, or a special issue of the Palestine Co-operative Company stock, or merely an agreement that moneys raised by him on the sale of our stock will be specifically devoted to this sort of credit, is a matter to be determined on further discussion.

Dr. A. H. Silver

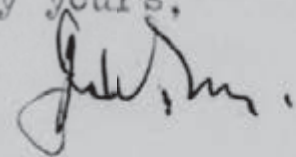
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Wise is away. I have had no opportunity of talking over your letter with him, but I agree with you that every effort should be made that we can honestly and consistently make to bring in every class of people. I agree, further, that they will not insist on the fifty-fifty division, and of course they should not.

Just what form the co-operation with the I.O.B.B. and the Central Conference should take, I do not know,--perhaps some definite scheme, to be done through a Palestine corporation controlled by the three bodies jointly; but I should consider better still their purchase of stock in our present company, giving them some, but nothing like a fifty per cent., representation. If we were to form a separate Palestine company, I would have no objection to the fifty per cent. representation in that company.



Cordially yours,



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

PARIS

NOVEMBER 27, 1921.

JULIAN W. MACK
WOOLWORTH BLDG.
NEW YORK

PLEASED TO REPRESENT YOU ON ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE PROVIDED YOU ALSO
APPOINT ROSENBERG

JAMES DE ROTHSCHILD

JAMES DE ROTHSCHILD
34 PARK STREET
LONDON

NOVEMBER 29, 1921.

WE HAD NO OBJECTION BUT JOINT OPPOSED ROSENBERG REPRESENTING BOTH
THEREFORE PLEASE REPRESENT US

MACK

Copy to Rabbi Silver.

November 28, 1934.

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

Dear Mr. Justice Brandeis:

Mr. Flexner and I had a considerable talk the other day in which he proposed to give us assistance in connection with the Palestine Co-operative Company. At the present time the most important problem before the Company, in my opinion, is that of selecting a proper agent for the operations of the Company in Palestine. In this matter, as in other matters of general policy, Mr. Flexner's aid would be invaluable. He has made some study of Credit Unions generally and is making particular study on the spot of Credit Unions in this country. He is deeply interested in the subject; and we know his deep interest in Palestine.

I am desirous that Mr. Flexner become a director of the Palestine Cooperative Company.

I suggest that Mr. Flexner assume some responsible office in the Palestine Co-operative Company rather than become a Trustee in the Palestine Development Council, because Mr. Flexner's abilities and activities should be confined solely to questions of business and economic policy; and none of his time and attention should be given to questions of stock selling or other questions with which the Palestine Development Council may indirectly have to do.

Before I take any step in this regard, I should like to be assured that you and our associates feel that there is no objection to Mr. Flexner assuming responsibility, as above outlined, by reason of the fact that he is Vice-Chairman of the Re-Construction Committee of the J.D.C. I am sending a copy of this letter to Judge Mack, Dr. Wise, Rabbi Silver and Mr. DeHaas, asking them for reply.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Szoe

31 Union Square, N. Y.

November 29th 1921

Dear Judge Mack:

RDK and I covered a great deal of ground today, but I particularly went into the question of the Fischel proposition. RDK agrees that the organization of a loan association for Jerusalem would be a blessing, absolutely needed and far reaching in its consequences. He illustrated to me what the loan could do by telling me he collected £2000 two years ago as a fund to guarantee losses, on the strength of which they borrowed £3000 from the A. P. Co. for small loans; that that £3000 became £40,000 and the account was wound up when they had actually lost the £2000, which in consideration of the character of the loans made he regarded as a very successful operation. Of course it was not a business venture, but he named very serious defects in the Talpich proposition telling me that that particular scheme might go to pieces because too much excavating was needed before solid rock was found on which to build the houses. He is to give me some more details on the quarry company question but said the question of quarrying in Jerusalem was that it would have to be done by the Arabs, particularly the quarrying of the King Solomon quarries, as that can only be done by the consent of the Mayor of Jerusalem who is an Arab.

He more than demurred at the names Fischel had named to us as a responsible body in Jerusalem. I pressed him to name some people who were Palatineans of the older crowd who would be expected to act as advisors or directors and who would have no personal interest to serve. He pointed out that in a mortgaging scheme of this kind there were three possibilities of graft - from the borrower in the form of private bonus, from the builder in the way of commission, and from the quarry company in the way of personal interest. He did name three men to me, but they were not final and I felt that it was desirable that he should have plenty of time to consider that, but I feel that we must put this part of it to Fischel very clearly, - that is, that the idea is right and the plan will help, but we cannot accept Levy of the A.P. Co., as an agent nor Yelling and Stuzkin as directors.

The anti-Jewish attitude of the majority of the officials in the administration is a very clear thing to him. He accepted, as I recall, only three men out of quite the crowd that we discussed. As he is an official he will not of course talk for publication. He has a wealth of detailed information but I think we must arrange to see him, perhaps in not so large a group, again and again. He intends going shortly to Washington.

Yours,

Judge Julian W. Mack,
Woolworth Building,
New York City.

JdeH/RDC

Copy to Pol. Com.

City of Detroit

COMMON COUNCIL

DAVID W. SIMONS
COUNCILMAN

December 1st, 1921

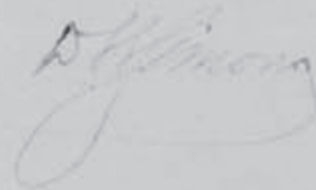
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi:

I am pleased to inform you
that we have made arrangements as you suggested
at the Phoenix Club for luncheon at 12:30, and
also for you to speak at the Temple Beth El in
the evening, presumably at 8:00 o'clock. We
would be pleased to know what your topic for the
evening will be, so that we can give it publicity
immediately. Awaiting your early reply, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

DWS:GK



LONDON
DECEMBER 2, 1921.

JUDGE MACK
PEDAKMENT
NY

FIRST MEETING ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE MOST SATISFACTORY HELD TODAY I
REPRESENTED YOU PLEASE GINGER UP FLEXNER JUDGE LEHMAN ANSWER NUMEROUS
CABLES LETTERS

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AMERICAN JEWISH
ARCHIVES
JAMES DE ROTHSCHILD.

December 2nd, 1921.

Mr. David W. Simons,
Councilman, Common Council
Detroit Michigan.

My dear Mr. Simons,

I am very happy to learn of
the progress that you are making for
our luncheon on the 12th. I wish you
would let me know more in detail as
to the nature of the evening meeting
at the Temple Beth El. I would then
be able to send you the subject of my
address.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FREE SYNAGOGUE
NEW YORK

STEPHEN S. WISE
23 WEST 90TH STREET
Dec. 3, 1921

Rabbi A.H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio
Dear Silver:

I have a letter from Mayerberg of Dayton in which he writes as follows: "The Community Drive, which has been delayed and which is finally set for Dec. 5th, has retarded my efforts on work of the Palestine Development League, but as soon as that is out of the way I shall start an intensive campaign for it and I assure you that I shall work very hard to put it over."

You might write him a line, telling him how glad you are to learn of this and offering to help in any way you can. I don't mean that you must go down there, for I suppose you can't, but still it will be well to give him the encouragement of a line which oftentimes means a great deal.

you I thought we had a good meeting the other day, and I am glad you brought things to a focus. There is one week in January that I shall not be free, for I shall be working for the Woodrow Wilson Foundation Campaign from Jan. 16th to 23rd. But toward the close of January or early in February, I can give two or three nights in succession to some places worth while. But I shall see you before then and together we can arrange an itinerary. You ought to cover two or three big Eastern cities, Boston, New York and Philadelphia, or Baltimore, New York and Philadelphia.

If you wish it, we can cover some
of the Western cities like Cincinnati,
but you ought to go there too.

With hearty greetings,
Faithfully yours,

Alise



JERUSALEM
DECEMBER 4, 1921.

PEDAKMENT
NEW YORK

SPECIFIC FOR JERUSALEM LOAN ASSOCIATION GOOD NO QUARRY ORGANIZED CONCRETE
USE NOT PORHIBITED OBJECTED TALPIOTH COMPLICATED OTHER POSSIBILITY EXISTING

MOHL

Jerusalem 12/4/21

Mr. Jacob deHaas
31 Union Square
New York City

Dear Mr. deHaas:

Yesterday morning I received your cable "considering 500 000 dollars Jerusalem mortgage building loan association as second project is use of concrete Jerusalem prohibited is Talpioth project substantial possibility has quarry been organized cable dehaas"

Today I replied as per attached copy. I have talked it over with Miss Szold and three others. Dr. Van Vriesland is not here yet. R.D.K. is by now with you.

Your move is good and here are the reasons. Concentrating in one territory (especially as an association and not a bank) will enable you to do justice to the work and will reduce the overhead expense to a minimum, the difficulties as to personal are also reduced to a minimum. Jerusalem has been left out of the tentative proposal for loans made recently by the so called mortgage bank of the K.H., the allotments of which are being made by Ussichkin and Rappin, therefore politically it is also clever. While there is no "building boom" in Jerusalem as in Tel Aviv, the element that is ready to start building is of more staple character than the one in Tel Aviv. While \$500,000 is a big sum and will take some time to be absorbed, still it is about right.

The use of concrete for construction is not prohibited. Mr. Ashby (ask RDK who he is) is objecting to it, and in my opinion his objections are justified. We ought to use local material instead of spending good money on an imported article, also crush stone into sand. However his objections will be overcome by force of necessity for a/c of the absence of a modern quarry, there will not be enough stone when building starts on a little larger scale. Besides, the gov. will not be in the way of any moves tending to activities, it will meet such moves more than half way.

The Talpioth project is one of those Balestinian hypothetical projects. It is extremely complicated and involved. The plans that you have probably seen include lands yet to be bought. The gov. airdrums is on the ground and difficult negotiations are on either to remove it or to have the gov. purchase the land and Talpioth to move to another section. There are only 5-6 registered owners. The great bulk of the land is in the name of Dr. Levy manager Jerusalem Branch Anglo-bank. According to a statement of Dr. Levy there are about 150 members some of them in Palestine some abroad. A small number of these in Palestine are in Jerusalem. the prices per dunam are high. But that is enough. Get RDK to describe to you some other features of this muddle. It will probably be straightened out eventually but it is not a definite proposition.

There are other projects. One - Boney Bayot. 150 members. They bought 253 dunams and paid for it. It is in their name. The price is LE 24 per dunam. They have just arranged for delivery of stone for 40 buildings. The average no of rooms per building (roughly) LE 350. If arrangements for 50% of the cost of the building proper could be made, they would be ready to start one hundred buildings.

There are also some individual cases, also other groups propositions; not as far advanced as the Boney Bayot or not as clean cut, still with the possibility of building loans becoming definite, the demand will become crystallized and definite.

When is Mr. Rosenbloom coming? How about him starting these two moves? It would be simply grand (to use a slang.)

Sincerely yours,

EM. M. MOHL

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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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THE TEMPLE EAST 55 ST AND CENTRAL CLEVELAND OHIO

EXPECT LARGE GATHERING AT TEMPLE BETH EL WANT SUBJECT IMMEDIATELY FOR
PUBLICITY BUTZEL SUGGESTS PAST PRESENT AND FUTURE OF PALESTINE

SUBJECT TO YOUR APPROVAL WIRE REPLY NOON LUNCHEON AT PHOENIX CLUB

MONDAY NEXT BY INVITATION

D W SIMONS

341P

*Subject given in
your telegram - Part
Present & Future
Palestine, acceptable
A. H. Silver*

[Handwritten signature]

*Ch
Palestine*

December 6th, 1921.

Rabbi Samuel Myerberg,
Dayton, Ohio.

My dear Sam,

Dr. Wise writes me that he has just heard from you and that you are planning to begin an intensive campaign for the Palestine Development League, as soon as your Community Drive is out of the way. I need not tell you that I was highly pleased to hear of it, for I count very much upon your cooperation.

Trusting that you are well and with kindest regards to your wife, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

(COPY)

HERBERT H. LEHMAN
16 William St.

New York December 6, 1921

Hon. Julian W. Mack,
Woolworth Building,
New York City.

My dear Judge:-

For your information, I am herewith sending you
copy of letter from Dr. D. de Sola Pool, No. 198.

I do not feel that the matter is one that concerns
the J.D.C., and therefore it is not intended that we will take any
further action in the premises.

Yours very sincerely,

(Sgd.) HERBERT H. LEHMAN

HHL/SB

Enclosure

CENTRAL COMMITTEE PALESTINE DEVELOPMENT LEAGUES

31 Union Square, New York

December 13th, 1921

PRIVATE

Dear Dr. Silver:

The Fischel meeting was held last night. Of the group invited by him there were 15 present and some apologies were received. There was quite a long argument involved in the proposition as the real-estate men generally want ^{pull up by Judge Mack} ~~this~~ ^{their money raising} activity assigned to the loan mortgage proposition. They are perfectly agreeable to having it the Building Loan Association but I believe a number of them, although this did not come up in any way whatsoever, want this identification for their pledges largely because this is their way of getting out of the KH problem, there being present some very strong supporters of the KH though they made no allusion whatsoever to that institution, and their being swung in line for us I am told is quite a victory. Most of them represent the 85th street crowd, one or two represent the 95th street group.

Here is the list:

Harry Fischel-----	1000	shares
Joseph Polstein-----	500	"
Samuel Raisler-----	100	"
Jacob Levy-----	100	"
Joseph Steinberg-----	50	"
Rabbi Herbert Goldstein-----	50	"
S. Gottesman-----	200	"
David Kass-----	50	"
Dr. Henry Keller-----	15	"
H. Glasser-----	100	"
Wm. Praeger-----	100	"
S. A. Israel-----	100	"
Henry M. Mayper-----	20	"
Morris Laurie-----	100	"
S. Polatshek-----	10	"
David Blumenfeld-----	100	"

TOTAL 2595 or \$25,950

I give this list to you because in my judgment this is the first money raised by us in which the element of investment really was considered by the people who were giving the money. They are a very hard

December 13th, 1921

group to deal with but on the other hand they are a group in New York City and they are going to meet here on Monday afternoon in order to arrange their canvass and they really promised to raise money. Fischel claimed that when the application blank was drawn in a way that would suit them, some of them would subscribe for larger sums. Anyway, the blank that was prepared for this meeting calls for 25% down and the balance in three monthly instalments. Fischel gave us all the impression that he himself would increase his subscription to \$25000 and while we did not remove some ideas from his mind we did get his agreement that there would be no immediate publicity. As a matter of fact I was very anxious to get out some publicity but there are two opinions about the whole thing. But I was dissuaded from that because there is a strong opinion amongst some of those who were present that if there is too much Fischel about it the results will not come up to Fischel's expectation. On the other hand, there could be no publicity that would not have been offensive to Fischel if there was not a good deal of Fischel about it. We therefore got around this at the moment by agreeing that until \$100,000 had been raised there would not be any fuss raised, so it is up to him and the crowd to raise \$100,000 immediately.

It is interesting to note in respect to this particular meeting and to my experience last week with Allen and the experience I had this morning on the pier of the Aquitania waiting to see a man off, that the drift among those who are opposing the KH is to come around to a specific enterprise or financing schemes of which they have particular knowledge. In other words we are getting back to the program we outlined last January with this difference, that whereas then we thought of allotted territories for ^{each} ~~the~~ enterprise, now we will have to do a lot of work to distribute stock for various purposes over a good deal of territory.

Sincerely yours,

Samuel

(COPY)

34, Park Street,
W. 1.

14th. December 1921.

My dear Judge,

I enclose herewith a sheaf of documents, which is a result of the work of the Organization Committee upon which I had the pleasure and honour of representing your Group. I hope you will consider that I defended your interests satisfactorily.

As you will see, we decided on the formation of a Palestinian Company, and after lengthy discussions and much deliberation we came to the conclusion that the business of the Bank could only be conducted in Palestinian currency.

I see from the prospectus of the Company which you have incorporated in America that you will do business in Dollars, but we could not ask the Palestinian Bank to pay some of its Debentures and Loans in Dollars, and others in £ Sterling.

Mr. Ernst agreed to this point, and waived any claim on behalf of the J.D.C. I may add, that as the J.D.C. and the I.C.A. are only giving us their money on loan, they have a priority, and therefore if we fixed the rate of exchange, any fluctuation thereof would be borne by your own Bondholders and by the Economic Board.

Moreover, it seems to me that this question strikes right at the root of all our work in Palestine, and if you want Palestinians gradually to take over some of our financial obligations - and if we have any confidence at all in the development of Palestine - we must work all through on the basis of Palestinian currency.

Mr. Ernst, who is leaving today for America, will discuss with you the question of a Manager. We have seen a Mr. Zeiman, who was very highly recommended, but one or two points were raised by the J.D.C., and as Mr. Ernst will speak to you about them I will not touch on them here.

May I ask you to appoint your representative on the Board of Directors as soon as possible? I fear I cannot undertake this too, and I know you will not expect me to do so. I am afraid I know of no one in London whom I could recommend.

Mr. Ernst will also advise you of several minor alterations in the enclosed documents, which have already been agreed upon. Will you please let me know of any further points you would like to have raised, but the fewer the better, as you know it is always difficult to bring four Groups into line.

I hope that you and Mrs. Mack are well, and that you will duly honour the coming Maccabean Holidays with plenty of turkey and cranberry.

Yours,
(Sgd.) JAMES de ROTHSCHILD

Woolworth Building,
December 15, 1921.

L.D.B.

Sam Rosensohn and I have just had a very satisfactory meeting with Fischel, Joseph Polstein and Raisler. We have agreed that the next quarter of a million or half million of the Palestine Co-operative Company shall be devoted exclusively to building loans in Palestine.

They accept our corporation as against a new corporation; our division into first and second preferred stock, and the holding of the mortgages that may be made, not as special security for the stock subscribed for this purpose, but as the general property of the P.C.C.,--all three points of contention heretofore.

They are thoroughly enthusiastic. Raisler, for instance, tackled a building man today and immediately got a \$2,000 subscription, ready to be paid at once.

Polstein and others don't like the continuous use of Fischel's name for what they believe to be his self-advertising, but what he continuously claims to be solely for the benefit of the cause. He does, however, expect and is entitled to very full consideration by us. My judgment is that he should be not merely a member at large of the P.D.C., but if he wants it, a Trustee of the P.D.C. One or two of the others can also be Directors of the P.C.C., and a group of them can be a special committee on this particular project. Our whole group here will meet with them on Monday.

J. W. M.

December sixteenth
1921

Mr. Fred Butzel,
1012 Union Trust Building
Detroit, Mich.

My dear Mr. Butzel,

Permit me to thank you for the
kind hospitality which I enjoyed at your
hands on my recent visit to Detroit.

I hope that you are taking every
step to follow up the initiative efforts of last
Monday. I hope you will follow up the sub-
scriptions, by solicitation, by letter, or
if you find it necessary, by telephone.

Please keep us in touch with the
progress of your work.

With kindest regards, I beg to
remain

Very sincerely yours,



Cincinnati, O. December 17, 1921.

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

My dear Friend:

Mr. Sam Fechheimer and myself are quite anxious to get started in organizing a group in Cincinnati for the Palestine Development Company.

There was a special luncheon called yesterday to invite the delegation now in this country headed by Mr. Sokolov; he intends being in Ohio about January 30th, and when he comes to Cincinnati will no doubt be entertained with a dinner by the leading Jews of Cincinnati. Of course his object will be to develop interest in the KEREN HAYOSOD. A mass meeting no doubt will be held to collect funds. We should like to arrange for you to be here between January second and tenth and Mr. Fechheimer and myself will probably arrange for a dinner. It is also intended that Mr. DeHaas will come on from New York.

I am leaving the city on Monday and will be in New York next week but home on the 27th inst. Will you please think over this matter carefully at once and advise Mr. Sam Fechheimer, % Krohn & Fechheimer, Cincinnati, Ohio, either by mail or by wire, what dates would be most convenient for you.

It will be necessary for us to know early next week so that we can lay our plans for a large and enthusiastic and successful gathering. It is not our intention to have a mass meeting, but a meeting of about seventy-five or a hundred prominent and interested Jews of our community.

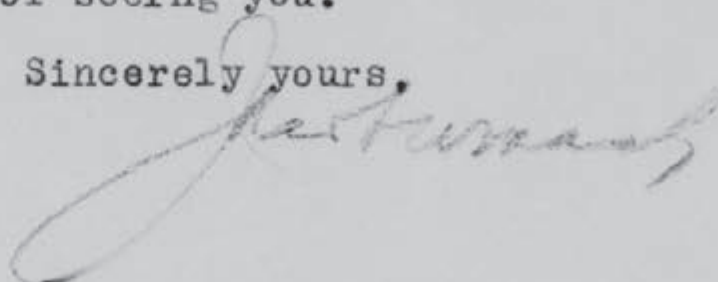
Wm. J. Jan. 16

Rabbi Aba Hillil Silva:

My good wife expects to leave for Cleveland tonight and will be there during the week and hopes to have the opportunity of seeing you.

Sincerely yours,

JWM/ER.





HOTEL ANSONIA

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JOHN MCGE. BOWMAN, PRESIDENT
EDWARD M. TIERNEY, VICE PRESIDENT

12/18/21

Dear Sirs

I wish the invitation came. I thought
the Novemb. 18th dinner was on Sunday ^{and}
It was hard for me to make it Tuesday ^{and} because
of court. - But I suppose I'll have to -
It occurred to me that as the ^{and} is a
holiday I might combine a trip to lunch &
have Sam Fick. get up something there for
some time on the road & I have written him
accordingly. I suggested that you
were free that day, the could get a

Something for you doing good that would
mean real money you would
doubtless come too - but you
glance on receipt of this write to Mr
Lundome whether you can make it
from here or could go to Pittot - or if
you had to be in Cleveland for any
reason on the morning of the
3rd you could easily make both.

2. Alice is going to Port. at noon. They
are getting up a dinner at the Copley
House.

3. I have real hopes from the Trunk
Club. They are the first genuine enthusiasts
I've seen I believe they'll do something
substantial - at least I hope so.

4. I have seen nothing further of the
natives
Cordially I am,

From Bernard Flexner

C O P Y

Government Laboratory

P. O. Box 595

Jerusalem.

20th December, 1921.

Dear Sir:

It is extremely kind of you to interest yourself in providing us with popular literature against insects. The papers sent under your letter of 25th November, have arrived and will be very useful to us. We shall probably get some of them translated into Arabic and Hebrew.

We very much appreciate your kindness.

(Signed)

Yours sincerely,

P. A. Buxton

*arrived
or earlier*

Dr. Simon Flexner,
Rockefeller Institute,
66th Street,
New York, N. Y.

December twentieth
1921

Mr. Sam Fechheimer,
~~Care Paul & Mack Shirt Company,~~
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Wolm & Fechheimer

My dear Mr. Fechheimer,

I have just received a letter from Mr. Mack stating that you and your friends in Cincinnati are about to begin work for the Palestine Development League. He suggests that it would be advisable to hold a meeting between the 2nd and the 10th of January? I think I can see my way clear to come on Monday evening, January 16th, if that be a convenient date for you. Please let me know about your arrangements.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

December 21st, 1921.

Judge Julian W. Mack,
Woolworth Building,
New York City.

My dear Judge,

I have written to Sam Fetchimer,
suggesting January 2nd. I think I shall
be able to be there with you. I am planning
to be in Pittsburg on the 3rd.

Very sincerely yours,

December 21st, 1921.

Mr. D. W. Simons,
Councilman, City of,
Detroit, Michigan.

My dear Mr. Simons,

I am taking this opportunity to tell you how much I enjoyed my recent visit to your city, and especially the hospitality which I enjoyed in your home.

I have written to Fred Butzel, urging him to carry on the campaign aggressively. It is highly desirable to collect the outstanding pledges as soon as possible and to forward the money to New York. Just when are you leaving for Palestine?

Very sincerely yours,

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JUDGE JULIAN W MACK

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FEDERAL COURT NEWYORK NY

YESTERDAY INTERVIEWED NEWTON BAKER ASKING HE ASSIST IN SOKOLOV REJECTION
WAS FAVORABLY INCLINED BUT FEARED PARTICIPATING IN CONTROVERSY AND OFFENDING
YOU AND JUSTICE BRANDEIS MAY I ASSURE HIM TO THE
CONTRARY SUGGESTED HE COMMUNICATE WITH YOU BUT NOT CERTAIN WHETHER
HE WILL MY ADDRESS EIGHT NINE NINE EAST ONE HUNDRED
FIFTH STREET

JOSEPH JASIN

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JEFFERSON STREET TEMPLE

CONGREGATION K. K. B. Y.

DAYTON, OHIO

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December 23, 1921

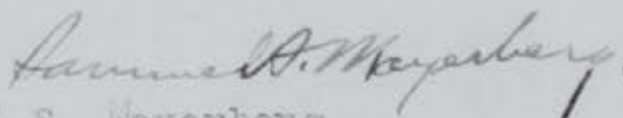
Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
The Temple,
E. 55th and Central,
Cleveland, O.

My dear Abe,

In acknowledging your favor of the 20th inst. I regret to state that I shall not be in Dayton on January 2. That date is the anniversary of my Mother Selig's death and I shall be in North Carolina to set her stone. However, if you desire to have me arrange a meeting which you might address I shall be very glad to do so, though I would very much prefer being here when you come, so that we can take advantage of the experience that you will bring.

With sincere regards to you, I beg to remain

Very cordially yours,


Samuel S. Mayerberg

SSM/RHJ

JULIAN W. MACK

Dear Harry

12/23/21

Delighted you can go to lunch
for 3²¹. Frank & my brother Joe are
arranging evening dinner at Rosau-
ville Country Club - Cordially
Julian.

I. IRVING LIPSITCH
436 O'FARRELL STREET
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.
TELEPHONE: FRANKLIN 546

December 24, 1921...

Hon. Julian W. Mack, Chairman
Central Committee Palestine
Development Leagues,
31 Union Square, NEW YORK, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Mack:-

I am sorry that you feel as you do about the \$500. for the Administration Fund; believe me when I say that the only reason for my failure to secure the amount, was the fact that conditions here are not favorable for taking the matter up.

Meanwhile I should like to know what changes, if any, have been made in the attitude of the KEREN HAYESOD since the Carlsbad Congress. Rabbi Meyer and I both feel that we ought to be more fully advised as to the situation from your point of view.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Schweitzer were in San Francisco a few days ago, and they organized a temporary Keren Hayesod Committee. They approached both Rabbi Meyer and myself, and we indicated that we will await ^{word} from you first as to our attitude in the matter. They told us that conditions in the East are shaping *themselves* ~~facilities~~ towards a 'getting-together' of the two factions. How much of this is based on fact and how much on the enthusiasm of Mr. Schweitzer is for you to tell us.

I did tell them that I would be glad to advise with the Keren Hayesod Committee, so that they may not do anything which will injure the general Zionist cause in this part of the country, because both Rabbi Meyer and I feel that errors made by them will be charged up to all of ^{us} jointly.

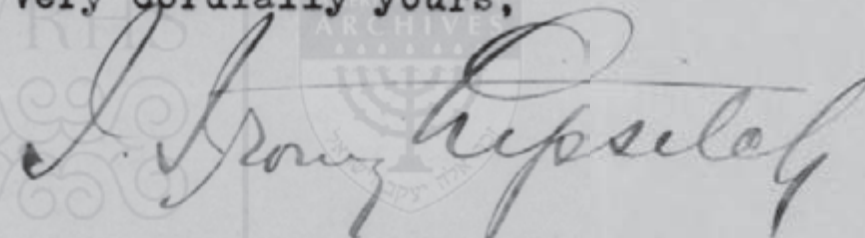
With a campaign for the Keren Hayesod and with the War Relief Campaign, the possibility for doing anything for the Palestine Development League at this time is not good. I discussed the matter with Mr. Gunst the other day, and we feel that you must allow us to be the judges of the local situation as to time, etc.

Honorable Julian W. Mack
#2..

I. Irving Lipsitch

Please write me more fully on the matter and be assured that I will confer at every step with Rabbi Meyer and Mr. Gunst.

Very cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "I. Irving Lipsitch". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "I. Irving Lipsitch".

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FREE SYNAGOGUE
NEW YORK

STEPHEN S. WISE
23 WEST 90TH STREET

Dec. 25, 1921

Rabbi A.H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio
Dear Silver:

Word has just come to Miss Wolf through Miss Crohn, saying that you would like me to come to Cleveland in January. I would like to come if I could, but I don't know how it can be managed. Even if it be possible, -- or rather were, -- why ask me? You do not really need me. You can do more in Cleveland and everywhere else for that matter than I can. Moreover, I must tell you now that I am in the midst of an operation that requires every hour of my time, -- namely, the securing personally and privately without a word of publicity, a quarter of a million dollars, which, added to the one hundred and fifty thousand we have, will give us four hundred thousand for a beautiful and ample Synagogue House, adequate for every purpose of the Synagogue excepting the Sunday morning and Holyday services, and above all will give us two floors for the Jewish Institute of Religion, even though this has not yet had your blessing.

As I look over my calendar, there is a possibility of my coming to you on Tuesday, Jan. 31st, although I would much rather wait until some time in February because I have promised my people not to leave New York in January and to give every hour of my time to the raising of the funds. I have still one hundred and fifty thousand to secure, and it takes a great deal of effort to secure that amount from my people, who are in the main not well-circumstanced.



December 27th, 1921.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Referring to Mr. Fechheimer's letter of the 23rd which reached me upon my return home from the East. Please note that we have concluded instead of having a dinner on Monday evening, January 2nd, we will have a luncheon at 1:00 P.M. at the Losantiville Country Club.

In view of Judge Mack and Mr. Fechheimer both having to make a 9:00 O'clock train, that evening, we thought it inadvisable to hold an evening meeting.

We are sending out invitations to meet both yourself and Judge Mack and to hear of recent plans for the development of Palestine.

Will you let me know promptly that you will be here Monday morning on the Big Four and get off at Winton Place, train arriving there about 7:00 o'clock in the morning, and I will have my car at Winton Place to bring you to my house. We can then make further plans for the day.

Wire if I shall reserve or buy your return ticket and berth to Cleveland.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

JWM:MGS

December 27th, 1921.

Rabbi Samuel S. Myerburg,
Dayton, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Myerburg,

I fully agree with you that
you ought to be at the meeting, and for
that reason I would suggest that the meeting
be postponed until you return.

With best Chanukah Greetings to
your wife, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

City of Detroit

COMMON COUNCIL

DAVID W. SIMONS
COUNCILMAN

December 27th, 1921

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

My dear Rabbi:

Your esteemed favor of the 21st is to hand, and I can assure you that both my family and myself enjoyed the pleasure of your company for even the limited period you were with us. I regret exceedingly that I was unable to be with you until you left, but I have explained to you my inability at the time.

I am leaving home on Wednesday, the 4th of January, and sail from New York on the 7th. While in New York I will stay at the Pennsylvania, and my family will be there to see me off. Should you happen to be there at that time I would be delighted to meet you.

Hoping to see more of you in the future, and with kindest regards from Mrs. Simons, daughter, and myself, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

David W. Simons 160 Park Street

P. S.-As to the campaign, I feel confident that Mr. Butzel and his associates will be very active. I enclose clipping from the Jewish Chronicle, which may interest you if you haven't seen it.



HOTEL ANSONIA

BROADWAY, SEVENTY-THIRD
AND SEVENTY-FOURTH STREETS

NEW YORK

JOHN MCE. BOWMAN, PRESIDENT
EDWARD M. TIERNEY, VICE PRESIDENT

12/28/11

Dear Sir,

Enclosed Telegrams have
not been answered. Mrs. Felo has a
letter from Baber dated Dec 23. - She is
going to write him to consult with you.

My position has always been
that I would say nothing public against
the K. K. I would not therefore tell B.
not to accept - I would give no advice
on that. - But as he has put it up

Wm Frohke to you. I suppose you will
have to take a position - personally I shall
be content with whatever you deem it
best to do -

If however you advise him to
quit, I suggest that he deplore that with
the coming of the Europeans last spring,
his friends whose devotion to the cause
he knows, were practically driven out of
the American leadership.

Cordially
Yours

Encl. from Lord J. Chas. of Dec. 16.
Show it to F.F. if in Chas.: if not there,
then mail it to L.S.B. to be mailed by
him to F.F.

Woolworth Building,
December 28, 1921.

My dear Major de Rothschild:

I hasten to acknowledge the receipt today of your letter and the package of papers. Ernst came back some ten days ago, and I therefore had the opportunity of seeing the documents before this. The JDC has had one meeting in regard to it; our group has also had a meeting, and we shall have a meeting within a day or two of a sub-committee of each of the groups to consider all of the questions.

I may say, however, that we are all greatly pleased, and that any changes that we shall suggest will not go to the fundamentals.

Of course, in the matter of the Palestine money, we, as well as the JDC, are entirely with you.

I regret that Ernst did not see Paul Singer. He evidently accepted Weizmann's statement that he was expecting to get him for the World Z. O. as precluding his selection by the group. I do not know Singer personally. You and others do. Szold and Ben Cohen think he would be the man. In any case, we should of course abide by the judgment of the Board of Directors on this question, and in view of the recommendations, Zaiman, too, would seem to be competent. I think, however, that you and some of the others should consider the relative merits of the two men, and if you believe Singer to be the better man, that you should have a personal talk with him. So far as I can learn, he will not go out for the Z. O. I appreciate your disinclination to act as our Director and the difficulty of finding the right representative for our group in London.

Major James de Rothschild

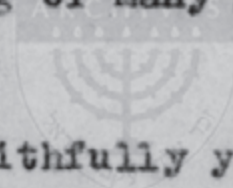
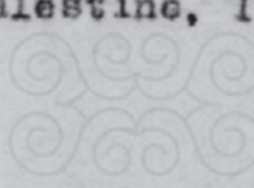
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Perhaps the most advisable thing at the moment would be to have Rosenbloom, who will sail within a couple of weeks, act for us while he is in Europe or Palestine. That would give us plenty of time to consider his successor in case you persist in your declination.

In the meantime, however, I trust that you, representing us on the Organizing Committee, and Rosenbloom, representing us temporarily as Director, will act together for us.

I am sure that I express the views of all of my associates in thanking you most heartily for what you have done in the matter.

With all good wishes to you and Mrs. de Rothschild for the coming year, and in the hope that this first step may be successful and may be but the beginning of many further co-operative efforts in and for Palestine, I am



Faithfully yours,

(Sgd.) JULIAN W. MACK

Major James de Rothschild,
34 Park Street,
London, England.

LAW OFFICES
MAURICE L. AVNER,
BERGER BUILDING,
PITTSBURG, PA.

December twenty eighth
nineteen twenty one

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Central Avenue & 55th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver,-

The enclosure will assure you of a proper seat at the Banquet,- if such assurance were necessary. Everything looks favorable for a successful affair. Judge Mack and yourself are the only advertised speakers. It may be that Judge Cohen will deliver a brief eulogy of the Rosenblooms. We have so arranged matters that the larger part of the evening shall be available for the appeal and the pledges. Unless I hear from you to the contrary I shall assume that you would prefer that Judge Mack should talk first and that your talk should be followed immediately with the appeal.

How would you suggest that we go about the appeal? We should like to hear from you in this matter. Copies of the enclosed pamphlet, together with a subscription blank will be at each plate.

Unless I hear from you to the contrary we will reserve a room for you at the William Penn Hotel for Tuesday morning, January 3rd, 1922,- assuming that you will not leave before Wednesday morning, January 4th. Will you be good enough to let us know the hour of your arrival and whether there is anything that you would like us to have done for you?

With best wishes,

Sincerely

M. L. Avner

December 29th, 1921.

Mr. Jacob W. Mack,
a/c Rauh & Mack Shirt Co.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Mack,

Thanks for your letter of the
27th. I hope to arrive in Cincinnati
at seven o'clock Monday morning. I will
get off at Winton Place.

You need not bother about
making reservations for me. On my way
back I expect to leave ~~for~~ Pittsburgh with
Judge Mack.

With kindest regards to Mrs.
Mack, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

December 29th, 1921.

Mr. Maurice L. Avner,
Berger Building,
Pittsburg, Pa.

My dear Mr. Avner,

Glad to receive your letter of the 28th. I hope to arrive in Pittsburg on Tuesday morning. I think your arrangements that I speak after Judge Mack are satisfactory. I will make the appeal. Have two or three of the larger subscribers ready to get up immediately after my appeal and announce their subscriptions and then go through the old fashioned and always successful way of obtaining subscriptions from the floor.

Looking forward with pleasure of meeting you, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Ans.

Woolworth Building,
December 30, 1921.

Dear Mr. Lipsitch;

Leaving town; too busy even to dictate,
except a line to say that DeHaas will answer you fully. I
want to add only that there is not the slightest basis, within
my knowledge, for the statement reported by you as important,
that conditions in the East are shaping themselves toward a
getting together of the two factions.

Cordially yours,

Mr. Irving I. Lipsitch,
436 O'Farrell Street,
San Francisco, Cal.

3 Jan. 1922.

The Statement of Baron Rothschild and Mrs. Fels.

New York, 29 Dec. (Delayed)

The "Dear Hayom", in which the "statement" of the Baron to Mr. Ben Avy was published, arrived here about a week ago.

The distressing statements of the father of Jewish colonisation in Palestine have made a very depressing impression upon the Palestinian youths residing here. These young people and many of the Zionists cannot understand why the Baron is so wrought up against the colonists who have devoted so much of their blood and money to the construction of the colonies. Without any intention of belittling even in the smallest degree the activities of the Baron, it is pointed out that most of the agricultural colonies were established outside of the limits of the Baron's influence.

Therefore there is no reason for casting accusations upon all the colonists which may be just in reference to some colonists, who have not yet been able to shake off the former system of support. It should also be noted that if the Baron has given his money, the colonists have given their life.

Especially sad was the impression upon those who are attached to the movement of the "Bney Benjamin" which has already gained the affection of prominent Zionists, especially among the adherents of Brandeis. In my conversations Mr. Alexander Ahronson, the creator of this movement, expressed his deep regret over the fact that the Baron did not refrain from expressing such severe criticism of the young people of the colonies, whose sole aim is to remain in the country and to work in it and who have taken the name of the Baron as a sign and a symbol.

The Bney Benjamin are requested not to lose heart and if the doors of Paris will be closed against them, the doors of Brandeis's America which sets great hopes in them will be open to them.

Not "Shnorrerism" is being prepared for them here but aid upon a sound commercial basis. What Canada is doing for the immigrants the Brandeis group will do for the Bney Benjamin, as will appear in the near future.

Each of the Bney Benjamin will be assured of a future if only he will remain faithful to his oath to build the waste places and preserve the existing work. In connection with the cable of our New York correspondent, which reached us after a delay of three days, we wish to publish herewith a cable from Mrs. Fels received this morning. It supplements our correspondent's statement and confirms it in details.

The text of Mrs. Fels' Cable follows:

New York Dec. 1st 1921.

(I think date is wrong - probably 31st
of January 1st.

J.W.H.)

Editor Dear Hayom
Jerusalem

May I express my deep regret at the opinion of
Baron Edmond de Rothschild, as set forth in the article "The
Statement of the Baron" in the Dear Hayom, on his work in
Palestine in the past and his activities in the future.

I am sure that Baron de Rothschild will change
his opinion in the near future. In the meantime the colonists
may rest assured that public opinion has begun to recognise and
appreciate their work and actual achievements. Very soon they
will find the encouragement and the support which we owe them.

(Sgd) Mary Fels.

[1922?]

EDMUND I. KAUFMANN
750 PENN STREET
READING, PA.

Dr. Silver
Please return

Jan. 5th, 1921.

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

Dear Mr. DeHaas:-

I am in receipt of your letter of
December 30th advising me of the fact that Rabbi Silver
will be with us on January 23rd.

I learned several weeks ago that he
was to be with us and have spoken to a few of our friends
here with the thought in mind of arranging some sort of
an informal affair to welcome him.

You can rest assured that I shall do
everything I possibly can to further his interest in the
work.

Yours very sincerely,

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E. I. Kaufmann
per E. M. L.

Dictated but
not read.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Nathan Straus Office, January 8, 1922.

Dr. Wise, (in the absence of Dr. Silver) in the chair.

Present: Mesdames Brandeis, Fels, Lindheim, Lowenberg, and Rosensohn; Messrs. de Haas, Dalidansky, Dr. Dunn, (New Britain), Nathan Goldstein (Springfield, Mass.), Gottheil, Hubbard, Rabbi Jurman (Waterbury), Kallen, Kaplan (New Britain), G. Karel and son (Allentown), Henry Lasker (Springfield, Mass.), J.W. Lack, Rosensohn, Rosenbloom, R. Szold and E. Weinheim.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

The chair reported formally that the Palestine Development Council had authorized the Palestine Co-operative Company to engage upon the Credit Union plan and upon the Building Loan Association plan and that Mr. Rosenbloom would proceed to Palestine on the 17th to set these enterprises in motion there.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

1. Financial Secretary read financial report covering period from Pittsburgh Conference to December 31st, 1921. (Appended)

2- General report covering same period, on Palestine Development Council activities throughout the country. (Appended)

REPORT, WOMEN'S PALESTINE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL:

Mrs. Lindheim, on behalf of the Women's Palestine Development Council reported great interest being shown, by New York especially, in the formation of the Women's P.D.C. which has been operating for the past few months and which has succeeded in selling some thousand dollars worth of stock. Well attended regular weekly meetings for workers and others have been inaugurated at Mrs. Lindheim's home. A new responsible group in New York is being drawn into the work and a public is being created for the sale of stock. All together, Mrs. Lindheim felt very hopeful for the

future and expected gratifying results.

In answer to an inquiry by Dr. Kallen, Mr. de Haas replied that in general, with the exception of New York, the P.D.C. was receiving its support from the old members of the Zionist Organization who originally voted with Judge Mack at Cleveland. With the possible exception of one place, there was no defection in the constituency that met in Pittsburgh at which the P.D.C. was formed; that the actual work of the Leagues that have been so far organized, has been mainly carried on by the old Zionist membership and not by new comers.

The Secretary's report was unanimously accepted, to be made public and sent to Central Committee members.

MAMORECK LETTER:

A letter from Dr. Mamoreck, dated Paris, December 22nd, was read. Dr. Mamoreck inquired as to P.D.C. participation in a conference to be held in Europe.

After discussion it was decided that Judge Mack be authorized to inform Dr. Mamoreck that the P.D.C. is always ready to cooperate with any organization in any Palestinian enterprise, but we will not cooperate in any attempt to organize a political movement to fight the present Zionist Organization administration. Mr. Rosenbloom, our Treasurer, who will be in Paris shortly, would confer with Dr. Mamoreck and explain our views and policy to him and report to us.

ADMINISTRATION FUND:

Mr. Weinheim, Treasurer of the Administration Fund, reported a balance of \$1478.07 in hand.

The Committee then took up the question of how the necessary money for the purpose of carrying on the work was to be raised, the

money on hand being only enough to last little over a month.

It was suggested that each group throughout the country be assigned a definite quota to be raised for the Administration Fund. Second, to secure 300 responsible annual pledges of say \$50 each, to be received regularly. A further suggestion was made to the effect that local leagues with membership dues be organized. A large percentage of the dues should be sent to the New York office for administrative purposes, the balance to be kept by them for local expenses.

These different plans referred to the Administrative Committee.

The Committee then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacob de Haas,

Secretary.

DG.

REPORT:

January 16, 1921.

Although the offices of the Organization were opened in the middle of June, the actual work was considerably deferred owing to the difficulty of defining and developing the constitution of the Organization. This did not prevent an attempt to rally the forces that had indicated their adherence in June, but confessedly, for over two months the movement as such was in a somewhat vague position.

Three organizations developed out of the original adherence, 1) the Palestine Development Council with its Board of Trustees, 2) the Palestine Cooperative Company, and 3) the Central Committee, or the Palestine Development Leagues. At first an attempt was made to keep these three bodies severely separate, but practical experience has shown that they have too much in common to permit of entire separation. Another serious handicap was experienced in the early part of the work. While we had adherents in many cities, we had no organization behind us, and as there was a determined and well thought out desire not to create a movement within the Zionist fold, our approach had to be slow, and such effort as we could make towards organization, had of necessity to remain vague.

The following Leagues have been organized,

New York City	Buffalo
Boston	Baltimore
Providence	Cleveland
Springfield	Pittsburgh
Lancaster	Detroit
Connecticut	Chicago
Minneapolis & St. Paul	Akron

More informal organizations exist in

Mobile	Louisville
Weonsocket	Wilmington
Philadelphia	East Liverpool
Birmingham	Green Bay, Wis.
Cincinnati	Dayton
St. Louis	Los Angeles
Charleston	Scranton

A good number of these Leagues were organized very recently and only after we had decided to give up a dependence upon local initiative. It is a matter of regret that we have not been able to depend more upon local initiative and that so much of our administrative expenses were due to the following-up of correspond-

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ence, and telegrams and billing the original pledge offers in order to induce remittance. However, the offices of the Organization and of the Women's Palestine Development Council have gone into the field and have met with favorable response, and it seems safe to presume that by the end of the fiscal year, shall have more than doubled that which was done within the first six months.

The framing of a constitution for the Leagues and the Central Committee has not even now been carried out, and it seems wise to leave the whole matter in abeyance until the annual meeting when experience shall have taught us exactly what kind of a constitution will best serve our purposes, for the contrivance of a mere paper constitution is meaningless. At present, the Leagues may be said to represent in the largest measure local effort to raise capital for the purposes of the Palestine Cooperative Company.

There are, however, many problems to be solved, such as the regular raising of an administration fund, the provision of local expenses, and the problem of hiring or not hiring paid solicitors. The work has been very far from confined to the field above indicated. We have been successful on the investment side by strengthening our position in New York by the adherence of the Fischel group and their support for our second enterprise, the Building Loan Association for Jerusalem.

Time and labor has been given to the unification of a third group, those interested in the providing and manufacturing of building material in Palestine. We have created interest in the following other projects for Palestine, refrigeration, canning, fruit preserving, erection of hotels, stock breeding for dairy purposes, chicken raising, and the development of the industrial city. None of these particular projects are ripe or at that point where the Palestine Development Council will be asked to take action upon them. And not all of them will have to come to the Council as some of them will be carried out by individuals, but they are in some state of progress due to our encouragement and investigation and the information we could place at the disposal of the individuals. Another feature of our work has been that we have steadily courted information from all individuals coming from Palestine. This has given us an opportunity to check up a great number of economic, social and other problems as they are seen by many different men, and we were therefore better able to form our own judgment as well as enabled us to act upon the sound and shrewd advice that comes from our informant in Palestine. On the other hand, we have been able to give a lot of advice concerning Palestinian projects from those who have purchased land, small businesses or merely visitors, as someone or another of them have come daily to our office and detailed attention has been given to their wants. We recently issued a bulletin on the work we have done in sending special seeds and special fertilizers to Palestine. Each one of these incidents, although simple in itself, occupies a great deal of time and needs voluminous correspondence. By these methods, we

(Report)

believe a constituency is being developed behind us, and is not identical with the constituency with which we were working as individuals a year ago. And in our humble way, we are, through the newer elements, bringing home to Jewry of America the problems of Palestine. We have a reasonably difficult task to do. We have no heart rending stories to tell. We are appealing for investment for a field concerning which there is great doubt. We are talking of Palestine in what to the majority of the Jews is a new language and new terms. We are doing this in a quiet unobtrusive manner with very limited resources. If we measure the return on the basis of expenses, we have done at least four times as well as any other organization. If we measure it in terms of actual dimes and dollars, we have done rather better than those who have attempted to finance Palestine effort by great public appeals and demonstrations. If we measure it by the helpfulness to the individual and by the number of persons, who as a consequence of our quiet agitation, are being induced to visit Palestine and study Palestine and make themselves familiar with things Palestinian, we have made very considerable progress during our brief existence.

We have entered into correspondence with the C.C.A.R. and I.O.B.B. with a view to inducing them to cooperate with us on some venture in Palestine. The C.C.A.R. at its last conference adopted resolutions favoring participation in the upbuilding of Palestine and acting upon this we have suggested a method of cooperation which we hope will eventually prove acceptable.

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT AS OF JANUARY 6, 1922.

Cash	\$207,740.39
Collateral	19,100.00
Personal Pledges	53,590.00
Fischel Pledges	28,675.00
City Pledges	<u>43,350.00</u>
	<u>\$352,455.39</u>

Details of Outstanding Personal Pledges. Details of City Pledges.

Tampa, Fla.	500	Springfield, Mass.	\$5,000
Chicago, Ill.	5,250	Manchester, N.H.	3,500
Baltimore, Md.	4,800	Connecticut	5,000
Boston, Mass.	5,990	Scranton, Pa.	5,000
Detroit, Mich.	350	Mobile, Ala.	3,000
Minneapolis, Minn.	580	E. Liverpool, Ohio	1,000
St. Paul	50	Minnesota	3,500
St. Louis, Mo.	2,000	Charleston, S.C.	400
New York City	11,120	New York City	<u>16,950</u>
Manchester, N.H.	1,500		<u>\$43,350</u>
Akron, Ohio.	1,500		
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		
Cincinnati	850		



Telegram sent midnight
Jan. 8 to M. Peterson
British Embassy, Washington

Inasmuch as Mr. Balfour is shortly to return to England
my associates, including Justice Brandeis, Judge Mack,
Professor Frankfurter and I desire to have an opportunity
of meeting with him in Washington pursuant to your note
An early morning or late afternoon or evening appointment
necessary because of Justice Brandeis' court engagements
May I hear from you at your early convenience.

Stephen S. Wise

Cleveland Ohio

Jan. 8, 1922

Dr. Stephen Wise
23 West 90th St., N.Y.

Mr. Balfour promised receive me with representative
delegation I appeal to you for your personal par-
ticipation.

Nahum Sokolow



Washington,
Jan. 9, 1922

Dr. Stephen S. Wise
23 West 90th St. N.Y

Your telegram of yesterday received Mr. Balfour
is looking forward to seeing you and your associates
on Jan. 11th at a meeting for which Mr. Sokolow
is making arrangements.

M. Peterson



FREE SYNAGOGUE
NEW YORK

STEPHEN S. WISE
23 WEST 90TH STREET

Jan. 9, 1922

Rabbi A.H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Silver:

If I had time I would write at length about the meetings of Sunday afternoon and evening. I presume deHaas will give you full information so that my own report would be unnecessary. The meeting of the afternoon was rather good in spirit. We dealt with Marmorek's letter, which you will have seen before this, and authorized Judge Mack to reply to him that there was nothing we could do as an Organization in the matter of a Zionist conference or assembly in Europe but that as a Palestine Development group we were prepared to take counsel with and act in concert with them or any other group making for the social and economic development of Palestine.

I pointed out a consideration to which Judge Mack gave his assent,-- namely, that inasmuch as non-Zionists and even heretofore anti-Zionists are joining with us in the Palestine Development Council, we have no right to consider any purely Zionist matter, and that action upon and even consideration of purely Zionist questions by us would constitute a breach of faith with a constituency that we are coming to have.

I suppose you, too, have had the invitation that L.D.B., Mack and I have had to meet with the Sokolow deputation and Mr. Balfour on Wednesday. I rather suspect that when arrangements were made our names were used, for in reply to a communication to Peterson I have from him this word:

"Your telegram received. Mr. Balfour is looking forward to seeing you and your associates on January 11th at a meeting for which Mr. Sokolow is making arrangements." We are considering the matter very carefully, and I took it up by telephone with both Frankfurter and Brandeis. We are agreed it would not be wise for us to go to the conference. No matter what might be said, we would appear to be giving our support to the gentlemen now in charge of the Z.O.A., and the meeting in all circumstances was arranged without any consultation with us in advance. I think you will agree with us that it is better for us not to go to the Wednesday conference.

Now one thing more: I did think I could come to you on Jan. 31st, assuming rashly as I did that by that time the Synagogue fund collection of a quarter of a million would be out of the way. The fact is that it is not out of the way and I must ask you to let me off until a little later. I definitely promise to come to you some time in February,-- in fact I would go so far as to say that I would be willing to give you a Sunday ~~morning~~, provided of course, and only provided you were willing to give us the same Sunday morning at the Synagogue that I give you. Please do not hold me to the 31st because it is very, very difficult, yes, really impossible for me. I promise to give you an evening in February if you really think I can be of help, although I do not see that I can.

Faithfully yours,

Wise

Could you not preach for me Sunday, May 7th? I must be in Chicago that day and it would be a great service to my people and to me alike if you could accept the invitation. That would give my people a chance to hear the address of which I have had echoes from many sides,-- namely "Can Jew and Christian Meet?" I have heard of it from Baltimore, Milwaukee and Detroit.

I do not have to be in Chicago until Sunday night. If I could speak for you Sunday morning, leaving New York at 8 o'clock in the evening, I would be willing to do that, only of course if we could exchange.

It seems to me there is a train out of Cleveland (#151) which leaves your town at 12:30 that would bring me to Chicago at 7:30. I do not want to go to Cleveland as I would much rather do no extra preaching for I am tired and worn. I offer this only if it must be done in order to bring you to speak to my people May 7th. Please wire if you can accept.

P.S.

Judge Mack told me of the two fine meetings at Pittsburg and Cincinnati and spoke of your admirable word at the latter. He was most enthusiastic about what he calls your wonderful speech at Pittsburg, and I have heard the same thing from the Rosenblooms. I wish I might have read what you said. I liked particularly well *your speech* and I think sent the report of it that I found in the Detroit Jewish Chronicle that moved him (Franklin) to reconsider his bearings toward the whole problem.

that you will succeed.

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January 9th, 1922.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise,
23 West 90th Street,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Wise,

I would be delighted, and so would our entire group if you could see your way clear to come to us on Tuesday, January 31st. We have not made much progress in behalf of the P.D. C. in Cleveland. We are waiting for some occasion to rally our forces, and your coming would be just the occasion.

There is a possibility of Ulmer's returning from Palestine on or around that time, and your presence here may act as a stimulus to extract "a very respectable sum of money from him".

I am delighted to learn that you are proceeding with your campaign for your Synagogue House. I wish you well and I am confident that you will succeed.

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January 9th, 1922.

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I did however think it advisable to tell Baker to attend the reception which he did. Mack and myself had two interesting meetings in Pittsburg and Cincinnati. The Pittsburg meeting was financially really a success. How was the New York meeting?

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

CLEVELAND, OHIO
JANUARY 8, 1922.

JUSTICE BRANDEIS

MR. BALFOUR PROMISED RECEIVE ME WITH REPRESENTATIVE DELEGATION STOP I APPEAL TO YOU MOST EMPHATICALLY FOR YOUR PERSONAL PARTICIPATION STOP AM INVITING ALSO MR. NATHAN STRAUS DR. WISE FRIENDS STOP CONSIDER THIS FUNCTION OF HONORING BALFOUR ABOVE OUR INTERNAL DIVISION SHOULD MANIFEST OUR UNITY IN FUNDAMENTAL POLICY TOWARDS MANDATORY POWER AND GENERAL POLITICAL FACTORS STOP I CONFIDENTIALLY HOPE YOU WOULD PARTICIPATE YOURSELF AND ENCOURAGE YOUR FRIENDS FOR PARTICIPATION KIND REGARDS -----SOKOLOW --HOTEL CLEVELAND

NEW YORK
JANUARY 10, 1922.

NAHUM SOKOLOW

WE REGRET THAT WE CANNOT BE PRESENT AT THE MEETING OF YOU AND THE HEADS OF THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION WITH THE RIGHT HONORABLE ARTHUR JAMES BALFOUR AT THE BRITISH EMBASSY TOMORROW WE ARE AT ONE WITH YOU IN DEEP APPRECIATION OF MR. BALFOUR'S PART IN THOSE NEGOTIATIONS. WHICH WE TRUST WILL AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT BE CONSUMMATED BY THE ISSUANCE OF THE MANDATE FOR PALESTINE TO GREAT BRITAIN. ---JULIAN W. MACK, STEPHEN S. WISE, MRS. JOSEPH FELS.

WASHINGTON
JANUARY 9, 1922.

STEPHEN S. WISE

YOUR TELEGRAM OF YESTERDAY RECEIVED. MR. BALFOUR IS LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AND YOUR ASSOCIATES ON JANUARY ELEVENTH AT A MEETING FOR WHICH MR. SOKOLOW IS MAKING ARRANGEMENTS. *****PETERSON

MR. M. PETERSON
SECRETARY ARTHUR JAMES BALFOUR

JUDGR MACK AND I REGRET THAT WE CANNOT MEET WITH MR. BALFOUR ON WEDNESDAY I CONTINUE TO BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A MEETING HOWEVER BRIEF IN NEW YORK WITH MR. BALFOUR BEFORE HE RETURNS. -----STEPHEN S. WISE

AMERICAN JEWISH
ARCHIVE JANUARY 10, 1922.

January 11th, 1922.

Dr. Nahum Sokolow,
Commodore Hotel,
New York City.

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I need not tell you how very sorry I was to have been denied the great pleasure and privilege of meeting you. I trust that I shall have the opportunity in the near future.

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Abba Hillel Silver.

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January 12th, 1922

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

If, as I recall it, you are due in Richmond on the 20th, wouldn't you come back via New York and be here on the 21st. I would like to discuss many things with you and I know the officers would be very willing to get together on that day.

Cordially yours,

Samuel J. Rosensohn
 Secretary

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Dear Dr. Silver:

If you think anything would be gained by it, I would be glad to come to Richmond on the 20th and sit down and talk it over with you and Calisch, but I don't believe that this is a necessity at this moment.

I have sent a copy of my letter to Calisch to Seelenfreund, and enclose you copy of both letters.

Yours sincerely,

Samuel J. Rosensohn
 Secretary

Dr. A. H. Silver,

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JdeH/RDC

January 13th, 1932

Dear Mr. Seelenfreund:

I enclose you copy of a letter that I have this day written to Rabbi Calisch with whom there has been some prior correspondence on the matter of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the Palestine Development Council working together. At the same time, I know there has been some correspondence or discussion with you and the part of Rabbi Silver as to the IOEB coming in on some project, whatever it may be. I should welcome that exceedingly and I am quite sure that the officers of the P.D.C. would do so. I should therefore be very much obliged to you if you would take the matter up with Mr. Krams.

I think the letter to Dr. Calisch makes the terms of the proposition abundantly clear because it preserves the integrity of each organization for its own purpose and merely unites all three on one given point for one specific purpose. I have good reason to know that such cooperation on the part of the IOEB would be heartily welcomed both by your New England and Louisiana lodges. I was recently in New England and was urged there by BB men to urge the IOEB to cooperate on some Palestinian proposition, and the same idea was pressed upon me when I was in Shreveport and New Orleans last year. Circumstances then however, prevented my approaching you. Now that we are wholly devoted to an economic policy I believe it should be possible to find an enterprise which all three of our organizations would aid in financing and which might be made a welcome addition to the development of Palestine.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

A. B. Seelenfreund, Esq.,
1228 Tribune Building,
Chicago, Ill.

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January 13th, 1922

Dear Dr. Silver:

Yours of the 11th, - Wise's secretary tells me that under no circumstances can he be in Cleveland on the 31st and that he has written that to you several times. I have not spoken to him about it personally yet. *Later he can't come till Feb. - agrees about J.S.*

I spoke to Julius Simon and he is quite willing to be your head-liner or your visiting speaker and although he speaks with an accent (it is a German accent) he made a very good impression last Sunday evening. Of course, if you do not care about him, let me know. I think well enough of the Cleveland situation that I am willing to come to Cleveland, to reach there on the 29th and work with the working committee in order to make a success of the dinner. Our own success was due to the following factors. (1) we timed the meal. It took exactly 50 minutes. (2) We insisted upon the speakers limiting themselves, except the speaker of the evening, to 5 minutes. We allowed no encore in the singing. We therefore arrived at the financial side of the program at the right period of the evening, or only 15 minutes later than schedule. To get new money from those who were present, observance of such details are essential. Beyond that, we had taken precaution beforehand to have sufficient pledges to make a real showing. It is on the latter feature that I think I might be useful, insisting upon the working committee securing a good number of pledges and a good number of pledges in advance, and organizing the captains of the various tables.

However, you may have the resources available that can do this thing and therefore save the expense.

I am sorry I did not get your note about Calisch, until this morning because, as you know by the mail that reached you today, I have already written him.

Yours sincerely,

Jacob de Haas

JdeH/RDC

Extract from Editorial in the London
Jewish Chronicle of January 13, 1922.

The Council of the League of Nations is meeting this week, and the heavy agenda before it does not contain any reference to the Palestine Mandate. This seems to us unfortunate, because the longer the fixing of the precise status of the Administration of Palestine is delayed, the less opportunity is there for beginning effectually the rebuilding of the country. It is, however, good news that assurances have been given to Mr. Sokolow, representing the Zionist World Organisation, of the goodwill and support of the American Government for Zionist policy in Palestine. The importance of the declaration made to Mr. Sokolow, and which we print in another column, it would be difficult to over-estimate. One of the results of this expression of opinion on the part of the United States administration, should surely be to close up the breach that unhappily has occurred in Zionist ranks in that country. There is no gainsaying the fact that the group led by Justice Brandeis were largely influenced in the course they took by their doubt as to the attitude which their Government might assume in respect to the Mandate. But the assurance now given to Mr. Sokolow must tend to allay that doubt, and what is good enough for the American Government ought to be good enough for American Zionists of all shades of opinion. At least, they ought to see that after the declaration to which we refer, their obvious duty as American citizens, apart altogether from their obligations as Jews, is to do what they can to close up the ranks. For it is manifest that division among Zionists of the nature that has unhappily prevailed in America must be the surest way of defeating what the American Government now expresses itself desirous of promoting.

(Draft of Cable)

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JEWCHRON LONDON

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TO THE PROBLEMS SET FORTH IN THE DOCUMENT SUMMARY OF WHICH YOU
PUBLISHED IN AUGUST

DEHAAS

The Bellevue-Stratford
Philadelphia 15. 1. 22

My Dear Doctor,

I received your kind letter of the 11. inst. for which I thank you. I was sorry indeed not to have met you in your place where you are - in spite of the New Testament's saying - some sort of prophet as everybody speaks of you with sympathy and great respect. I do not doubt for one single moment that you were prevented from meeting me - nevertheless, generally, I cannot but feel very much depressed realizing that a number of colleagues, good Zionists as they are, make our Delegation feel the disagreeable impression of their abstention. I am tolerant enough to respect the undoubtedly well-meant and sincere opinions of those who differ from us regarding some important practical questions, but our Delegation has nothing to do with local misunderstandings and splits and I expected all good Zionists grouping around

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Nathan Pearson

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With kindest regards,

Yours Sincerely

Nahum Sokolow

Jerusalem 1/15/22

Dear DeHaas:-

In one of your letters you asked me about the work of the American Palestine Fruit Growers Ass'n. I did not reply sooner for I wanted to see how they will manage to start and what will be the progress. Without going into details I will make the following observations.

(1) They have put up a fine plant. In size, in lay out and in method of organization it is an American plant, and so far the only one in Palestine.

(2) They had considerable difficulties; some of these difficulties were unavoidable, but most of them were due to their own faults. The present manager puts the blame upon their Mr. Feinstein, of whom as they claim now, they are trying to get rid of. On account of these difficulties considerable money has been wasted.

(3) They had and are having difficulties with and on account of the Pardess. For their work does and will interfere with the all powerful pardess. The management of Pardess consists of a small compact group and strangers are not wanted, nor is anything or anybody wanted that might try to change or improve methods.

(4) The present manager of the American Fruit Growers is an able man and copes with the situation very ably. He is showing progress both in improving the running of the plant and the securing of oranges for packing.

(5) One of their men, Mr. Caplan, is at present in England trying to create a market for their goods, for they had to agree to the demand of the Pardess not to ship to Liverpool.

(6) The statement that a box brings \$5.00 is incorrect. By now only their first shipment has reached England and the result is not known. The only result they had was of their shipment to Egypt. This shipment (in boxes, and not loose as the others do) has brought better prices, but not much can be based upon this.

In general:

a) not only in their specialty - packing, grading etc., but in general their methods are an improvement.

b) The fact that the Z.O.A. has not ~~given~~ given them the indorsement they asked for, they were forced to start activities in Palestine (putting up their plant etc). It also brought about the fact that they began thinking of and do some concentrating upon their actual object instead of upon the raising of the money as such. It made them wake up to the methods of their Mr. Feinstein and to take notice of what he was driving at. On the other hand it brought up their overhead expense for raising the money plus the commissions to a sum of at least 30% of their collections.

They are short in money. I do not believe however that if they collect considerable sums it will do them good, for then they will possibly start their second plant, and that in my opinion should be postponed until this plant has been given a chance to work for a full season. Let their Mr. Mendelsohn stay here and manage this plant, if he leaves it now before it is well on the way and the running is smooth it is apt to be hampered considerably.

They should not try to spread out at this stage and should not fear that someone else may come in and put up the second plant.

I have not received the balance of the fertilizer; nor have I as yet received the balance of the material. It is still in Port Said. By the way, was it insured, for some sacks come in very poor shape.

There is nothing much new out here. Matters are dragging and even the tinkering business process of the Zionist Commission is at a stand still on account ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ of "no funds". The beginning of the end for the Z.C. is at hand unless the way Big Cutler fears the "rachmones" will give it another lease of life and thus will prolong the delay of work by another more efficient organization.

In one of your letters you said you were going to send me some of the works of Herzl that you have. I would love to acquaint myself with it.

I have received the notes about Mr. Rosenbloom as sent by Rosalie, and will arrange to have them in the newspapers right after I get word that he has left the states for Palestine.

Yours sincerely,

Em. N. Mohl



2.

Extract from Letter of Miss Szold
to J.W.M., dated January 17, 1922.

I told Rifka about my letter to you concerning the Doar Hayom articles. Almost before the words were out of my mouth, she gave me such a cordial assent that I could not but believe she endorsed my attitude heartily. She then went on to tell me that before she had come to see me, she had had a serious talk with both Ben Avi and Saphir on the same subject. I do not know whether the translation of the article on Baron de Rothschild will convey to you what the original conveyed to many of us--a sneering condescension which our young men have no right to resort to in connection with Baron de Rothschild. I cannot conceal from you that the incident thoroughly disgusted me. Indeed, I go so far in my disgust that perhaps I am becoming unjust. I should love to hear from Mrs. Fels whether she actually sent such a message as appeared in the Doar Hayom. Somehow or other, it does not sound like her composition to me. Of course, I may be wholly mistaken. If I am, and if Alex is told of my attitude, he may have very harsh feelings towards me, but I must incur even this risk in order to warn the Mack-Brandeis party. There is too much at stake for you not to know the true situation here. There is party strife enough and to spare. If the Mack-Brandeis party is to accomplish any results, it must mend the rents but not widen them. As to the alienation of Baron de Rothschild, if I were in his place, I should be more alienated by Saphir's condescension than by the colonists' incompetence.

Woolworth Building,
January 17, 1922.

Dear Mr. Rosenbloom:

I enclose you herewith letter for Marmoreck. It is my revision of a letter drafted by DeHaas. I intend, however, to submit it to LDB and some of the others. If they disapprove of it, then I will cable you to London not to use it and will write you something else instead. Unless you hear from me, however, to the contrary, you can use it.

Again, my heartiest greetings to you, Mrs. Rosenbloom and Estelle, and all good luck and success to you on your mission, in all of which Mrs. Mack joins.

Faithfully yours,

(Enclosure)

("Sgd.") JULIAN W. MACK

Mr. Sol Rosenbloom,
S.S. "George Washington",
Pier 1, Hoboken, N. J.

Woolworth Building,
January 17, 1922.

Dear Mr. Marmoreck:

I have waited to answer your interesting letter of December 22nd in order that I might consult my associates. I am now sending it by our Treasurer, Mr. Sol Rosenbloom, of Pittsburgh, who goes to Palestine in the interest of our Cause.

As to the questions raised by the visit of Mr. Silberzweig, I believe we must, at least for the present, regard them as aspirations, rather than as concrete plans for action.

We have of course followed with interest the whole of your struggle with the Zionist executive, but as your letter raised a question of policy and principle, I submitted it to our Central Committee at its meeting of January 8th. The view there expressed confirmed in every particular the views we have held since June of last year and which Mr. Rosenbloom can inform you of in much greater detail. Briefly, I may say this: In view of our own experiences in the past with minority opposition groups within the Zionist Organization, we believe that we can serve neither Zionism nor Palestine by organizing such an opposition group, however powerful it might be. We have long realized that the Z. O. is not a parliament in which the opposition can aid constructively. Temperamentally a considerable number of us are not political fighters; instead of wasting time and energy in destructive efforts, we prefer to devote them to practical constructive work. Therefore we have organized the P.E.O. As individuals, those of us who were members of the Z. O. retain our membership: thus we express our loyalty to the Basle platform. Beyond that we do not go, and beyond that I don't think we are likely to go because political struggle is unpleasant to us and because I believe there is the firm conviction in the minds of a great number of us that the Z. O., as it now exists and as it will continue to exist, until a complete change takes place in the attitude of the Zionists of eastern Europe and elsewhere, is

an instrument that is not fashioned effectively to carry into fulfillment the Zionist programme. The Zionist Congress was a splendid instrument for declaring the Zionist aim: the Organization in its present form was a powerful instrument in propaganda therefor; it can do little, however, in practical building up of Erez Yisroel. We did believe at one time that it was possible to reorganize the movement, and to make it an effective instrument not merely for propaganda and legislation, but also for action and execution. But I believe the resolutions of the Casabad conference were retrogressive and not progressive in that respect.

And so, we have set up, for our immediate task, a simple social-economic programme, and we shall go forward, as Mr. Rosenbloom will tell you, with that work. We have no illusions in regard to it. We know that the development must be progressive. We do not think in the financial terms of the war period; we do not count that there will be at once that confidence in Palestinian investments which can properly come only when time and experience shall have demonstrated their worth. But we do believe that only along these lines can the demonstration be made; we shall heartily welcome every effort made in Europe to group those who are like-minded; we are ready at all times fully to co-operate with them. The Economic Board for Palestine, in London, need not be the only institution of its kind. Other groups might organize along similar lines, or they might take the P.D.C. with its broader democratic social basis as a model. Such groups could do some Palestine work jointly: other tasks each might do alone. It is on these lines that Mr. Rosenbloom will be happy to discuss Palestinian affairs with you.

With kind regards, I am

Cordially yours,

(Sgd.) JULIAN W. MACK

Mr. Alexander Marmoreck,
2 Rue Eugene,
Millon XV,
Paris, France.

Woolworth Building,
January 17, 1922.

LDB - FF - SSW - AHS - DeH

Enclosed copy of Mamoreck's letter to me and
of my answer, which I have given to Rosenbloom, together
with copy of my letter to Rosenbloom, which tells the situ-
ation. Please let me hear from you.

(Enclosures)

P. S. - Copy of Mamoreck's letter has
heretofore been sent you.

(COPY)

Washington, 1/13/22

JWM - Re yours of 12th

1. I am very glad the Flexners have come into the PDC.
2. I think you should summon Bloom and Schimmel to N.Y. and do all that properly can be done to keep them well affected. As to our organizing a granite Co. I should think it better not to decide definitely until Rosenbloom has been able to consider the situation in Palestine after investigation there with Mohl and others.

On the other hand if we could get I. Allen and others to really put up their cash to be used if upon a new view of Palestine by our representative that seems wise--so much the better. And I don't see any objection to having Bloom go to P. at his own expense while Rosenbloom is there to aid in determining what it is wise to do.

Cash in the box is the great desideratum.

3. I hope BF, having become a director, will now be disposed to go to Palestine to look over the field.

4. I hope you will ask BF (as well as RS and SJR and Max L.) to look over all Ruttenberg papers as soon as they come and determine what, if anything, need be done to put the project financially and as to management into a shape where we can endorse it wholeheartedly. In its broad features it is a project which we ought to help.

5. Glad to see cash on hand mounting. I assume you will press collection as hard as feasible. Also that you are planning new task for Central Committee.

L.D.B.

January 17th, 1922.

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

My dear Mr. DeHaas,

We are arranging a meeting in Cleveland for Tuesday, January 31st. Mr. Ulmer has returned. We shall be delighted to have Julius Simon with us. Please confirm his engagement with us for that day.

I am enclosing herewith an interesting bit of correspondence with Sokolow. I wish you would let me know what telegram Wise originally sent to Peterson, and what was the result of his second telegram.

Very sincerely yours,

FREE SYNAGOGUE
NEW YORK

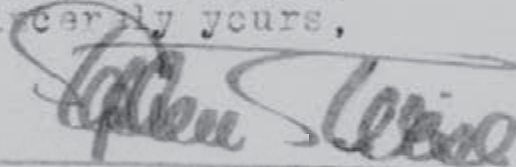
STEPHEN S. WISE
23 WEST 90TH STREET

Jan. 19, 1922

Rabbi A.H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio
Dear Silver:

DeHass tells me you would
like to see the telegrams in the
Balfour matter, so I beg to enclose
them herewith.

With hearty greetings,
Sincerely yours,



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 Louis I. Newman - New York
 Hugo Pam - Chicago
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January 19th, 1922

Dear Dr. Silver:

I will arrange today with Julius Simon for the 31st. I take it that this is a meeting, not a dinner, and that the rest of my proposition about the 31st falls off.

I will ask Dr. Wise to send you the telegrams between himself and Peterson. The Sokolow letter is really interesting, especially the naive of it.

I am advising Simon that he will be called on to speak for about 25 or 30 minutes. In that way, he will prepare a really worth-while address.

Have you thought about my suggestion, that you stop in New York on your way home from Richmond. Please let me know your plans.

Cordially yours,

Samuel J. Rosensohn
 Secretary

Dr. A. H. Silver,

c/o The Temple

E. 55th Street,

Cleveland, Ohio.

P.S. I wired you about Ed. Kaufman, Reading and hope you wrote him full particulars.

January 20th, 1922.

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

My dear Mr. DeHaas,

I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter which I have just received from Dr. Calisch. I don't exactly know what additional information he wants. If there is any that you have not sent him, please do so at once. It might be well for you to inquire of him what additional information he would like to have. I shall see him in Richmond next Tuesday.

I shall try to take care of the P.D.C. Luncheon at Reading.

You have not replied to my question concerning Dr. Wise's first telegram to Mr. Balfour's Secretary.

I wish you would write to Dr. Goldman calling his attention to the importance of our meeting here on the 31st, and urging him to assume full and active charge of the meeting. He needs a little prodding, for he is a very busy man.

Very sincerely yours,

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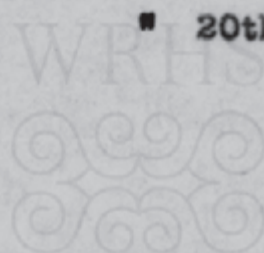
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Dr A H Silver

% Edmund Kaufman 750 Penn street Reading penn

Can I positively expect you here wednesday

Jas Dehaas

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Friends of Bnai Benjamin in America
Special cable service "Hasolel"
London Jan. 24, ten in the morning

It is possible for me to convey today great tidings to the sons of the land of Israel. After important preparations that have lasted for a full year, our comrade Alexander Aaronsohn, the founder of the organization Bnai Benjamin in Palestine and at present resident in New York, has succeeded in awakening a great movement throughout America for the benefit of the natives of the land and the sons of the colonists. In spite of the obstacles placed in his way through a well-known party in the Zionist Organization, and despite the great historic battle that has been waged against him at the instigation of hatred-fostering leaders in Jerusalem, this new movement has found a great echo among all those whose love for Zion is not contingent upon personal questions (problems of personality). According to cabled information which has reached us today, the work has been begun with great success and they hope for substantial results in the nearest future.

Appended to this despatch from our London representative, we also publish the special cable which we have received from our New York office as follows:

WRHS
New York, Jan. 23

The New organization has been established under the name, the Friends of the Bnai Benjamin, which organization has branches throughout the United States. At the head of this new movement stand Supreme (highest) Court Judges Louis Brandeis and Julian Mack, the well-known philanthropist Nathan Straus, Mrs. Miriam Fels, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise who was until the split Vice-President of the Zionist Organization; Mr. Felix Frankfurter who was Assistant Secretary of War Affairs in America during the Wilson Administration; Robert Szold, who was a member of the Waad in Jerusalem; and Mr. Rosenbloom, Manager of the bank of the Brandeis group, who is shortly to arrive in Palestine."

This movement is regarded by all here as a work which is exceptional from the Jewish viewpoint of this land, in being the first step in the recognition of the natives of the land (children) and the sons of the colonists, and from the establishment of which much may be expected for the benefit of the upbuilding of our land.

The organization the Friends of the Bnai Benjamin will shortly announce what are to be the first steps to be taken in order to bring to realization the plans of the Friends of the Bnai Benjamin in the land of Israel.

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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

CARE DR EDWARD N. CALISCH RICHMOND VA

WACK WISE AND I WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE YOU TO BE NEWYORK WEDNESDAY

ARE KEEPING LUNCHEON OPEN ALSO FROM FOUR OCLOCK

JACOB DEHAAS

1234P

... are counting on Julius Simon.

(4) Have you heard anything about further progress in Cincinnati. Write to Myerberg in Dayton suggesting that he begin work now.

(5) I don't know why nothing has been done on the Pacific Coast. Why can't you get Rabbi Martin Myer and Rabbi Rudolph Coffee to actively begin work there. Please write to them and to others on the coast, calling their attention to the necessity of beginning work at once.

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

My dear Mr. DeHaas,

(1) I had a very interesting luncheon at Reading, Pa. Ed Kaufman is very optimistic about prospects. He is planning to call a meeting for the purpose of organization and sale of stock in the immediate future. I wish that you would write him and urge him on.

(2) I had a talk with Dr. Calsich and went into great detail about the work. I would suggest that you call his attention to the Conference Resolution on the printing establishment which you sent me. That would perhaps be the most likely enterprise that would appeal to them. Perhaps also a suggestion as to a joint enterprise for the sale of Palestinian Art objects of the Bezalel School and others, might interest him.

(3) Our meeting here has been definitely scheduled for February 14th. We are counting on Julius Simon.

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(5) I don't know why nothing has been done on the Pacific Coast. Why can't you get Rabbi Martin Myer and Rabbi Rudolph Coffee to actively begin work there. Please write to them and to others on the coast, calling their attention to the necessity of beginning work at once.

January 26th, 1922.

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(6) Think Wise' request for a separate interview with B was a mistake.

(7) Why don't you send Prospectus and pledge cards to town where I am supposed to be?

(8) Have you heard anything from Chicago? They promised to organize and start working immediately after the War Relief Drive.

(9) Your correspondence with the I. O. B. E. is satisfactory. Follow it up.

Very sincerely yours,

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January 26th, 1932

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have not heard from you as to your southern adventures.

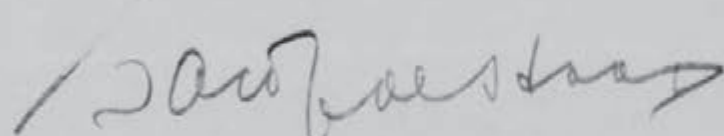
I have written to Calisch but hardly expect an answer. I saw Avner today and he has the impression that Goldenson would not take the initiative in anything of this kind but would be willing to be pushed. I spoke to him because I was wondering whether he could induce Goldenson to talk to the Central Committee on Tuesday. I don't know who represents our interests on that Committee.

It seems to me very desirable that we should be sure of having some kind of a spokesman there.

Do you think you could appear before the committee yourself or would you instruct someone else to do so. I think sufficient of trying to get these fellows into line that I think we ought to make a rather unusual effort.

Kind regards.

Yours,



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

P.S. We asked Dr. Wise's secretary to forward you the Peterson telegrams.



(COPY)

Jerusalem, January 27, 1922.

Judge Julian W. Mack
Woolworth Building
New York, U.S.A.

Dear Judge Mack,

Once more the Bnei Binyamin. I am sending you a clipping from the Dear Ha-Yom of January 26, entitled, "The Friends of the Bnei Binyamin in America". I am not waiting to translate it because I want to catch the next American mail. For the same reason I am making only a brief comment. If the American despatches embodied in this article are true to fact, I hardly know what to say. If they are true, it seems to me that we are trifling with a most serious situation. If there is a kernel of truth in them, which has been magnified by the Dear Ha-Yom editors and their sympathizers here and in America, then it seems to me they ought to be rebuked without mercy. I hope you will soon write me a line and tell me the inwardness of the whole situation.

I say as I said before: Alex will be shocked at my categorical condemnation of what doubtless is his project. I cannot allow friendship to blind me in this serious matter. Unfortunately I cannot convey to you the challenge to the whole Jewish world that lies in the expression "the children of the land and the sons of the farmers". That means that opposite to the whole Eastern European Jewish world (not to mention the Zionists of America), the rock from which the Chalutzim are hewn, is drawn up a thin line of young men and women whose claim is based on the fact that their fathers came to this country forty years ago--a Mayflower claim--and whom do they now boast of having taken in tow?--the Mack-Brandeis party, the party that stood for righteousness, efficiency, upstandingness--the Szold-Frankfurter party that demanded reorganization on a generous and noble basis.

I haven't the time to get Mr. Mohl's judgment on this letter before I send it to you. You will recall that in my last letter he objected to my having pointed out the opposition which I detected by the Bnei Binyamin to the workingmen's party. I still believe I am right, but perhaps I have found a better summing-up of what I object to when I pointed out to you the opposition between the Bnei Binyamin and the Chalutzim. Another opposition is possible, the opposition between the reactionary and the progressive. In reading this summing-up, remember that my criticism of ~~the administration~~ the administration of funds by workingmen has been as severe as my criticism of funds by others. I hold no brief for the so-called progressive element, but I am frank to say that I should like to hold a brief for progressive, truly democratic ideas instead of Junker aristocratic ideas, such as are conveyed to my perceptions by the expression "Yelide Ha-Aretz u'Vnei Ikarim".

Let me hear from you.

Sincerely,

(Sgd.) HENRIETTA SZOLD

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January 31, 1922 AM

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P A R I S

JOINTDISCO NYK

SEVENTYFOUR JANUARY THIRTIETH LEHMAN ROSENBERG LONDON CONFERENCE JANUARY
TWENTYSEVENTH DE ROTHSCHILD GOLDSMID ROSENBLUM COHEN SUBSTANTIALLY ALL
YOUR SUGGESTIONS ACCEPTED EXCEPT MONEY ON IMMEDIATE CALL WHICH WE WAIVED
AS GOLDSMID FEARED PRESENT SAME ICA STOP PROOF CHARTER AGREEMENT BEING
FORWARDED WITHIN A WEEK STOP REGARDING MANAGER ROSENBLUM STATED HIS GROUP
AND YOU WILLING ACCEPT EITHER SINGER OR ZIMON STOP NEITHER OBTAINABLE LESS
THAN FIFTEEN HUNDRED POUNDS STERLING STOP BANK UNABLE AFFORD MORE THAN
ONE THOUSAND POUNDS STERLING STOP TO SOLVE WHAT MAY SEEM TRIFLE BUT DEVOLVED
INTO VERY IMPORTANT POINT AGREED RECOMMEND JOINTDISCO PAY FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS
STERLING ONE YEAR PROVIDED WE HAVE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT MANAGERS SURPLUS TIME
JOINTDISCO INTEREST PALESTINE STOP STRONGLY URGE YOU TO GIVE APPROVAL STOP
COHEN ROSENBLUM GOING PALESTINE ABOUT THREE WEEKS AND VERY ANXIOUS CLOSE
WITH MANAGER IMMEDIATELY HAVE HIM ACCOMPANY THEM PALESTINE STOP IMMEDIATE
CABLE FROM MACK AND YOU GIVING ROSENBLUM AND ME COMPLETE POWER CLOSE ALL
DETAILS INCLUDING CONTRACT WITH SINGER OR ZIMON MOST DESIRABLE WHILE
GOLDSMID HEARTILY WITH US OPINION ICA LUKEMAN STOP IMPORTANT CLOSE FINAL
DETAILS WITHOUT DELAY

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(Telegram recd. by JDC from Lehman)

SUBJECT APPROVAL OF FLEMMER MACK PLEASE SEND CABLE READING SUBSTANTIALLY
AS FOLLOWS QUOTE APPROVE YOUR ACTION WAIVING MONEY ON IMMEDIATE CALL STOP
JOINTDISCO WILLING GRANT FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS FOR ONE YEAR BUT WILL NOT
CLAIM EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS MANAGERS SURPLUS TIME WHICH MAY BE AT DISPOSAL OF
GROUPS STOP WHILE EITHER SINGER OR ZIMON ACCEPTABLE FLEMMER AND MACK MUCH
PREFER SINGER FOR WHOSE CHARACTER ABILITY THEY HAVE HIGHEST RESPECT WILLING
HOWEVER LEAVE CHOICE AND OTHER DETAILS YOUR HANDS END QUOTE

(COPY)

CARLTON HOTEL
Pall Mall
London

January 31, 1922

My dear Judge Mack

We arrived here safely after a very stormy voyage last Thursday. Mr. J. Rosenberg was in the City and we have arranged for a conference on Friday. I think the conference on the whole was satisfactory. You will in due time get a full report.

Have not decided on a Manager for the Bank as yet. Since Mr. Flexner and Mr. Szold were so partial towards Mr. Singer I was naturally inclined to favor him. We were to meet again on Monday and to invite Mr. Singer to be present, but we found out that he was in Geneva and is not expected to return before the end of this week or early next week. We wired him that he should come as soon as he can and are now awaiting his reply.

In the meantime I was obtaining all the information I possibly could from widely diverging sources regarding the present leaders of the Z.O.A. and all I can say now is that we can congratulate ourselves for taking the position we did.

I find that the most representative people here are with us. I have yet to hear a good word for Dr. Weizmann.

Without going into details at this time, I do wish to tell you, however, that I feel greatly encouraged by the attitude of the people, which concurs with our own. They too emphasize the cultural and spiritual viewpoint.

I am still looking for a secretary and hope to find one very shortly.

Owing to the stormy voyage and a whole night's landing in Plymouth, my daughter caught the influenza, which is rather epidemic here, but she is now out of bed and getting along nicely.

I must wait for Singer's return before I can leave London as we must come to some conclusion regarding a Manager for the Bank. Will write again shortly. Kindly remember me to all.

With kindest regards to you and Mrs. Mack in which my wife and daughter join me, I remain

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) SOL ROSENBLUM

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January 31, 1922.

Honorable Julian W. Mack,
Woolworth Building,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Judge Mack:

Just a line to tell you that I had the great pleasure of meeting Mr. Rosenbloom, and that he and I have, I believe, covered all the final details for the Palestinian Credit Institution. The only important point which still remains now is the selection of a manager which I hope will be done this week.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

N.J.R.

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January 31st, 1922

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have written the enclosed article for the
 Jewish Forum. If you think this is worth while, I will get it
 out as a leaflet.

Yours,

Sacofas

JdeH/RDC

[January? 1922]

(Proposed Cable)

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February 2nd, 1922.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver :-

I have a piece of news that I think will be welcome to you. At the meeting of the Board of the Conference held in Pittsburgh last Tuesday after again a very serious and sympathetic consideration of your proposal, the Board adopted a resolution authorizing me to appoint a committee of five to meet with a similar committee of the P.D.C. to confer "as to a possible basis of cooperation in the work of the Economic Rehabilitation of Palestine". The committee consists of Rabbis H. Wolf, L. Wolesey, L. Mann, S. Schulman and myself.

I wish to state first that I make a condition that there will be no publicity made whatsoever of this fact until after the two committees have met and conferred. I say this for the reason that I wish to avoid any possible complications that may arise in case the committees cannot come to an agreement. However, I wish you to understand that this committee has power only to work out, if possible, an agreement and report same back to the Executive Board for consideration. We have not the power to make final disposition. I am adding that it is the sentiment of the Board also that should the Board approve the findings of its committee, even then the Board can only recommend to the Conference for final action.

As doubtless the men who will constitute your committee as well as our men are all busy, and as it will be somewhat difficult to find a convenient date, and as you are in closer touch with your members than I can be, I will leave the matter of arranging for a place and date of such meeting in your hands. As most of the men of both committees are in the East, it is doubtless true that a meeting place in the East, like New York, would prove most acceptable to all. I am mentioning this only as a suggestion. I will be grateful if you will send me at your earliest convenience the names of the members of your committee.

With assurance of my deep personal esteem, I am

Cordially yours,

Edward N. Calisch.

(COPY)

Carlton Hotel
Pall Mall
London

Feb 2/22

My dear Judge Mack

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 20th and was glad to hear from you. My daughter is feeling better but will be unable to leave for Paris for about a week owing to Mr. Singer's absence from the City. He returns next Monday and I have an appointment with Mr. W. Cohen for Monday.

Will see tomorrow Mr. James de Rothschild.

I think I have already been successful in initiating the Brandeis-Mack group in the Covenant of Abraham and I hope by the time I return they will be considered full fledged Jews.

I have been getting some very valuable information and which will guide me in my future actions. There is no question that Dr. Weizman fully understands his big mistake he has made.

I think everything as to the conference with Mr. Cohen and the others will be satisfactory.

There is nothing new otherwise.

Kindly remember us to all especially to Dr. Wise and Mrs. Pels. We saw Mr. Coates, Mr. Rubenstein.

With kindest regards to all from us.

Very sincerely,

(Sgd.) S. ROSENBLUM

2.

Lehman

Woolworth Building,
New York City,
February 2, 1922.

To the Directors of the P.C.C.:

Enclosed copies of cable from Rosenberg to Lehman, who is out of town, and Lehman's telegram to the JDC office, based thereon. Flexner and I approve the sending of this cable, which is being done. There is being added to it, at my request, the following:

"SHOW ROSENBLOOM ROTHSCHILD MACK LEAVES FINAL CHOICE
TO THEM"

J.W.M.

(COPY)

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Carlton Hotel
Pall Mall
London

Feb'y 3/22

My dear Judge Mack

Nothing new developed since I wrote yesterday. The only thing worth mentioning is that at today's lunch at the Rothschild's we met Dr. and Mrs. Weizman which was rather a surprise to us. However there was no discussion of any kind with the exception of something about the University. Dr. Weizman stated that there are some funds left by two people, one is from David Wolfson's estate and another party formerly from Russia, who have left certain amounts for same purposes as I have given my money, and he thought it would be worth while to work together at least in as far as this branch is concerned.

He also mentioned that the land near the University ought to be purchased by someone before the Arabs would find out that we are ~~going~~ going to build and they would increase the price tenfold. I promised I would look into this matter. This is as far as we went in our discussion of specific Palestinian matters. We parted very friendly.

Am sorry to state Paul Singer wrote me he does not expect to return before the 8th of Feb'y if then. This puts me rather to some inconvenience as we expected to leave not later than next Tuesday. I just received the letter from Singer and will have to decide what to do. I was very anxious to have an understanding regarding the manager before leaving London. Kindly excuse the haste, it is ^{nearly Shabbos} and I wanted to give you the information. I may add, generally speaking, my trip has made a good impression here in all the circles.

With kindest regards in which Mrs. R. and daughter join me,

Very sincerely,

(Sgd.) S. ROSENBLUM

Regards to all.



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SOUTH ST. PAUL, MINN.

February 5th, 1933.

*April 1st
Please Tel*
Mr. Jacob deHaas,
Palestine Development Council,
New York City.

Dear Mr. deHaas:

To start with, I want to apologize for not having answered Judge Mack's letter, received some time ago, with regard to the pledge to the Administrative Fund. On receipt of Judge Mack's letter, I mailed it to Dr. Gordon in Minneapolis, and the latter has promised to get this money as soon as the K.H. campaign is over. When I returned from New York last summer, Dr. Gordon promised to try to raise the balance of this pledge in Minneapolis, and has several times since assured me that he would do it, but various things have prevented up to the present time. At a meeting with Mrs. Greenfield about a week ago, the Minneapolis group promised to get busy on this as soon as the K.H. campaign is over, which will be very shortly. I will get in touch with them again next week and will let you know when you may expect some money. I realize, as do they, that you can't do business without the money to pay expenses.

Now, as to the sale of stock, we have not so far done what we should have in St. Paul. You are, of course, not interested so much in the reasons for this, as in what may be expected.

At the meeting referred to above (of the Twin City Development League) with Mrs. Greenfield, it was decided to carry on a campaign for the sale of stock during the month of April. As you know, the K.H. campaign in the Twin Cities is just coming to a close, and the War Relief campaign is to open the middle of this month. Aside from the fact that we must help in this campaign, if we attempted to sandwich in now, we would be bucking up a pretty hard proposition, and, as we gathered from the report of the Central Committee meeting, and from your letter to Mrs. Greenfield, that the Palestine Co-operative Co. has all the cash it can make use of during the next couple of months, it seemed to us it would

be wiser to wait until April and give the people a chance to recover from the double blow of the two campaigns referred to. At that time we hope to be able to do some business.

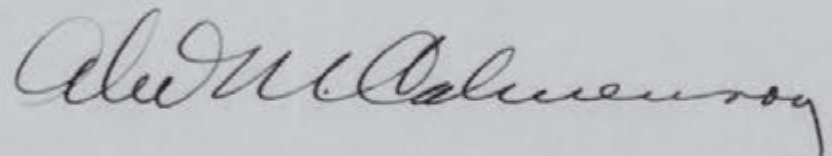
From your report, and from what Mrs. Greenfield said, I gathered you were considering the matter of employing stock salesmen. If this is correct, have you any one that you could send out here to sell stock during April? I believe if you could send out a high grade man we could do considerable business. It might be possible that I could personally arrange to take off a week's time and go with him, and we could get others to spend a few days. We could likely arrange to have the same done in Minneapolis, and I am sure Harry W. Davis, who is now in Duluth, would be glad to assist there, and that Herman Arhneon could be depended upon to assist in Superior. I think a good man could spend three or four weeks in Minnesota with very good results.

Don't need to tell you that if it is not possible to send a high grade man, it would be better not to send any one. We have had enough of Goldbergs, Sheinkins and Blitzes, and they could not do us any good on this proposition.

If it is not possible to do the above, would it be possible to have Rabbi Silver or Judge Mack address a dinner in St. Paul and one in Minneapolis, arranged for the purpose? Believe if this were possible, it would be very effective.

These suggestions are my own. The local League has not had them up for consideration. I am trying to arrive at the method of getting the best results, and any suggestions you may offer will be very much appreciated.

Cordially yours,



P.S. You probably remember Harry W. Davis, who was formerly Chairman of the St. Paul District, and who has for the past two years been connected with the Cleveland Orphan Asylum. Mr. Davis is now permanently located at Duluth in the practice of law. His address is 510-Providence Building, Duluth. He is in complete sympathy with our group and will, I am sure, be glad to do anything he can.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 6, 1922.

Present: Mrs. Lindheim, Messrs. deHaas, Mack, Weinheim and Wise.

CURRENT BUDGET:

Budget submitted showing proposed expenses for the year 1922 amounting to \$21,460.

Referred to a special committee appointed for the taking of steps to raise the necessary funds. The members of that committee are, Samuel J. Rosensohn, chairman, Mr. Weinheim, Mrs. Lindheim, Judge Mack, Dr. Wise and Mr. deHaas, ex officio.

BOSTON MEETING EXPENSES:

Bills presented from Julius Meyer, Boston, for expenses in connection with P.D.C. meeting arranged in Dr. Wise's honor, referred to the treasurer, Mr. Weinheim, who was instructed to write that such expenses must be met locally.

CONFERENCE - FEBRUARY 22nd:

Decided to hold conference with Justice Brandeis and Dr. Silver, present, if possible, on Washington's birthday.

MRS. GREENFIELD'S TOUR:

Secretary reported on the success of Mrs. Greenfield's tour in the middle west.

P.D.C. FUNDS:

Resolved, that in view of the fact that the Council has no expenses, that Judge Mack take up with Mr. Brandeis the question of returning to the Central Committee, the money paid over by it to the Council.

Meeting adjourned.

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February sixth, 1922

Mr. Jacob DeHaas,
55
New York City.

My dear Mr. DeHaas,

I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter which I have just received from Dr. Calisch.

I plan to be in New York from the sixteenth to the twentieth of this month. I wonder whether we could not arrange by wire to have the meeting suggested in the letter on one of these dates.

Our arrangements for the P.D.C. banquet on Tuesday the fourteenth are progressing nicely. Please make sure that we have a sufficient number of the prospectus, plans and leaflets with us for that evening.

Have you heard anything from Reading, Penna?

I think your article in the January Forum is good. Rather than print it as a separate pamphlet, I would send it to all the other Jewish-English Weeklies in the Country. It would then receive a thorough circulation.

Hoping to see you soon in New York,
I am

Very sincerely yours,

P.S.

Enclosed herewith is subscription blank and check from M.R. Feingold, Dennison, Ohio.

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Silver

February 7th, 1922

Dear Mr. Brandeis:

You will be interested in the following from a letter from my brother, from London: "I met Rabinowitz (he is one of the oldest Zionists, a co-worker dating back to '92). He cleverly reminded me that 12 years ago, he was invited to a lecture by Sokolow at the Turnview Hall, the subject being "Great Jewish Personalities". The lecturer claimed to have discovered the greatest Jew of modern times in the person of a Mr. Brandeis, of Boston, U.S.A. He, Greenberg, looks upon it as a calamity that the Brandeis group are outside the Movement and that Zionism should be run by the present crowd.

I had an exceptionally strenuous day yesterday. One incident, however, is of considerable importance. Mr. Mandel, of New Orleans, who arrived from Palestine on Saturday, came to see me. You may recall that I told you about Mandel on my return from the south last year. He was head of the catering department at the Gruenwald, has been with Heinz', was stationed at Washington during the war in the Diet Dept. He has quite a unique experience in food matters, catering, hotel rationing, etc. The consequence of our discussion last year was that in the summer - he is by no means a rich man - he proceeded to Palestine to see how he could be useful. He came in contact with Eder, and Eder, learning of his speciality, immediately asked him to take charge of the dieting in some of the chaluzim camps. He took, however, a principal interest in the hotel question, with the result that he came in contact with Baraky, who owns the Allenby Hotel in Jerusalem, and worked at a plan for the creation of up-to-date American hotels in Jerusalem. He left Palestine, I think, very late in October, got here, rushed to New Orleans, and 14 days later was back on his way to Palestine. On an urgency call, I met him at the pier on his trip eastward. Except that he wanted to do something in the hotel business, the whole matter was not clear to me, nor is it quite clear to me now why he made a double trip. He however, kept in touch with me right across and had no sooner arrived in Jerusalem, then he cabled to me that he was on his way home, and made the return trip in 14 days.

Yesterday morning he unfolded the whole problem to

me. He has a plan to build a 300 room hotel in Jerusalem which will need a million dollars capital. He is satisfied that the project will pay 20% on the basis of the figures of Barsky who is paid 17% on running the Allenby. Barsky has secured an option from the government direct, on 15,000 pic which is equal to 30,000 sq. ft., at a cost of L2, 10piastres, per pic. (Incidental to this, he told me an interesting story of Rappin who wanted them to pay L3 and 30 p. to him for the same property, without having any option in his possession at the time. His opinion of Rappin and Ussischkin cannot be expressed in polite language). The option runs for three months. He had a copy of the American Consul's attest, etc. There was a flaw in the business insofar as Barsky has not made over the proper legal papers, enabling him to act, and he acting in some measure in good faith in the matter. That, however, could be easily repaired. He was, however, in need of rush action, and for this reason he approached some wealthy Arabs in Palestine, and they were willing to join the corporation and subscribe (there are no documents to this effect) 10%.

This negotiation seemed to have brought him into contact with the American Express Company in Cairo. He told the head there sufficient about his plan to meet with a proposition that they would finance the whole scheme, and urging him to proceed at once and lay it before the A. E. Co. here. He promised to see them in New York, without pledging himself in any direction. The manager there cabled New York so that on his arrival on Saturday there was an immediate telephone appointment, and quite an impressive letter was written to him asking him to meet some of the important men of the A.E. this Tuesday (today) afternoon, and the question arose as to what action he should take.

The development of this story brought out the following: There is now in process a very strong boycott of the British all over Egypt and the beginning of a boycott of the British in Palestine. As to the Palestinian situation, he told me what the American Consul had advised him and his viewpoint about the general situation, and that briefly is, to raise the American flag in every direction in the interest of Jewish settlement; that the Arabs told him that they would not participate in anything-British corporation - only in American corporations.

As to the situation in Egypt, he was dramatic. Englishmen are being bayleted, the Arab service of the English are being killed and he saw an English automobile set on fire in Alexandria and gave me quite some curious evidence of this non-cooperation boycott and the distinction made by the Arabs in favor of anybody exhibiting an American button. He told me that all mail, publications, etc. are being censored and that therefore we knew nothing about what was going on. I, for my part, felt that this phase of the problem deserves our very serious consideration, but he told it to me as an explanation of why the American Express are probably willing to take a keen interest in this proposition, - that is, they see that the prejudice means good business for them, apart from the fact that Sheppard's Hotel paid 25% dividend this year.

Justice Louis D. Brandeis,
Washington, D. C.

February 7th, 1932
Page Three

I took Mandell over to Judge Mack and we had Robert Szold there and Ben Cohen. Bob is willing that the American Express, if it desired to do so, take the whole thing over. JWM objected to this, and pointed out what with the YMCA occupying the best property now in Jerusalem, the ownership of the best big hotel in that city by non-Jewish interests would be harmful. And he felt that only in the case of failure to do something need the A. E. Co. come in. The upshot of the thing is that Ben Cohen and I are going to the A. E. Co. with Mandell today and hear what they have to say. I would like your views on both these matters. Of course I know that the hotel business is a risky business, but I am equally well aware that every business is a risky business, and I don't want to suggest that by the methods we have hitherto adopted, that we can raise the million dollars for such a plan in short order.

I hear that there is a sharp division between Sokolow and Lipsky. One of the elements of the difference is that Sokolow is spending very liberally, keeping his rooms in New York, when he is away and charging up his personal physician besides.

Yours, ^o

WRHS



P. S. Fischel paid up 25% of his \$26,000 pledge.

Justice Louis D. Brandeis,

Stoneleigh Court,

Washington, D.C.

JasH/EDC

February 7, 1922.

Mr. A. M. Calmenson
% Wood & Weiller Co.
South St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Calmenson:

I beg to acknowledge yours of the 5th. I will take up the proposition that you mention shortly but so far we have not employed any paid solicitors and I don't know from what you gather that we are likely to change that policy.

Kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Secretary.

JdeH

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New York, February 8, 1922, ניו יארק

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2.

Hon. Judge Julian W. Mack,
Hotel Ansonia,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Sol Rosenbloom of Pittsburgh, before his
departure for Europe, was good enough to suggest the
advisability of securing an appointment with you for
the purpose of discussing the possibility of our or-
ganization cooperating with the Brandeis Group.

I have come to New York from Cleveland and am
bound to return there tomorrow (Thursday) evening. I
should be very pleased to hear from you at your con-
venience if you could be good enough to arrange an
appointment any time tomorrow.

I beg to remain,

Yours sincerely,

M. J. Lang Jr.

MJ: BH

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February 8, 1922.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I sent you a copy of my letter to M.D.B. re the Mandel project. I now send you copy of E.V.C.'s report on the interview with the American Express Company, which makes the proposition very clear. I remember you spoke to me about that sort of a proposition a year ago with some Cleveland people. Of course I have Ulmer in mind to invest heavily in this hotel proposition. The P.D.C. will come in as the organizer, and have some interest some way, but the capital stock would be subscribed for this hotel purpose.

Do you think you can get one hundred thousand dollars together among a few men? It is vitally important that such a project does not come into non-Jewish hands. I am negotiating with different parties at different centers. I shall be obliged for a very early answer.

Sincerely yours,

Samuel J. Rosensohn
 Secretary.

JdH/DG.

7 February 1922.

MEMORANDUM FOR JUDGE MACK

conference with American Express in regard to Jerusalem Hotel.

Mr. deHaas and I went with Mr. Mandel. As Mr. deHaas had to leave early I shall describe the conference briefly. The officials of the American Express whom we saw were Mr. Towle, who I should gather must have been the chief of the Foreign Travel Department, Mr. Dane (apparently a Jew of German extraction) who seemed to be subordinate in rank to Mr. Towle, and Mr. Livingston, an assistant of Mr. Small, a Vice-President of the company.

Mr. Mandel explained his plans at some length, along the same lines as before but in somewhat more detail than he had previously explained them to us. It was obvious that these officials were genuinely interested in the question of a hotel in Jerusalem and were listening attentively to what Mr. Mandel had to say. Mr. Mandel spoke of the advantages because of the political conditions in Egypt and Palestine of having a hotel run by an American company like the American Express and incidentally referred to Thomas Cook & Son being the stockowners of the Sheperd Hotel at Cairo. Dane then took the opportunity of pointing out the number of hotels controlled by Cook throughout the Orient, apparently desiring to use Mandel to help him convince Towle of the importance of the American Express controlling hotel accommodations in order to compete with Cook.

Dane took Mandel's figures of costs, expenses, and income which were supposed to show a profit of 20% per annum and calculated on the basis of ~~of~~ these making liberal deductions for seasonal fluctuations in the trade that the operation of the hotel, exclusive of income from stores rented, laundry service etc., should yield a minimum return of 8% on a \$1,000,000 investment, allowing 5% per annum for depreciation. This he apparently considered a very conservative estimate, and he imagined that Mandel's cost estimates were too high. Dane was much concerned about the question of water and several times asked to be reassured that an amply supply for baths and other purposes would be available. It is interesting to note also

that he was impressed with the idea that the company should also acquire the Allenby Hotel, apparently because of the dominant control that the company would then have of the hotel situation in Jerusalem.

At the close of the interview it seemed that Towle as well as Dane was favorably impressed and remarked to Mr. Livingston that Mr. Small, a Vice-President and Livingston's chief, should be called in as I remember it, as soon as they had prepared their specific recommendations. Towle then remarked that he assumed that it was proposed that the American express should take 51% of the stock and that Mr. Mandel would supply the balance. Towle also expressly assumed that Mr. Mandel personally desired simply to be the manager of the hotel. Mr. Mandel explained that all he desired was to manage the hotel and to receive some commission to cover the expense to which he had been put. (He said nothing of Mr. Barsky, except incidentally that the concession was in his name and that he proposed to turn over the Allenby Hotel to the new company.) He stated he himself knew little of finances and turned inquiringly to me. I stated that the P.D.C. being a public institution would not directly participate in the scheme, but that we hoped that we might bring Mr. Mandel in touch with Jewish capitalists who would. I feared, however, that in that event the 51% stipulation would prove an obstacle, that a 50-50 arrangement with conditions safeguarding all interests would seem on its face to be more feasible, although I was not in a position to say just what those we might interest in the project would insist upon. Towle remarked that the American Express never went into a project of this character unless they had absolute control. He said that the American Express was not interested in the hotel business as such, but would go into such a project only because of its value to its principal tourist business and that it might for that reason go into the project even though it might not consider it in itself a profitable venture. Towle promised to review the project and let Mandel hear from him.

In the meantime I think it important that Mr. Mandel be brought in touch with those Jews that we think might actively participate in the scheme. It will, of course, be exceedingly difficult to get the American Express to participate if they have not control.

If the American Express, however, saw that our Jewish capitalists meant business and were determined to go ahead, it is possible that they would make concessions that they would not now contemplate in order not to be excluded from a project, with which they may not care to compete.

Incidentally we learned that Mr. Dane was sailing for Egypt and Palestine next week in general business of the company.

B.V.C.



COPY

February 8th, 1922

Nathan D. Kaplan, Esq.,
490 Westminister Building,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Nathan:

I saw an article in the Courier the other day anent
Mamoreck and Nordau and the K.H.

Won't you be good enough to send the Courier the enclosed
letter on your own stationery and under your own signature. I am very
anxious that you should do this. I think you would be justified in sending
copy of this letter to the other Chicago paper which is friendly, and if
you will send me a copy of it, I think the Jewish Daily News will publish
the letter. Of course, you may feel that you would like to put these
particular questions for publication in the New Palestine, but that I
leave to your discretion.

Kind regards,

Yours,

JACOB De HAAS

JdeH/RDC

To the Editor,
Chicago Jewish Courier,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Anent your interesting article on the actions of Dr. Nordau and Dr. Mamoreck, agreeing to put it your way, "by acting under the screen of the French Federation, to withhold funds collected in France for the Keren Hayesod and use it directly in Palestine", is it not possible that these gentlemen, whatever their views as to what is a lot or a little in the way of money, may be justified in their belief that the larger proportion of all the funds raised everywhere for the K.H. is being expended in the payment of salaries and traveling expenses, and that practically the smaller portion goes to actual constructive purposes in Palestine.

That seems to me, from what I have been reading of the viewpoints, to be the basis for their action, and I believe therefore; that it would be very interesting if you would through publication of this letter, ascertain the following facts:

1. How much actual money was raised in the U.S. for the K. H. from April 1st, 1921 to December 31st, 1921.
2. How much of this American money was remitted to Europe or to Palestine.
3. Of the cash received, how much was expended for expenses, administration, travel and propaganda.
4. How much, in addition to the net raised in the U.S. and reported by the central office, was deducted locally for expenses, incidental to the raising of quotas.
5. What was the gross receipts in cash at the central office of the K.H. in London, including the receipts from the U.S., and how much

Editor, Jewish Courier,
Chicago, Illinois.

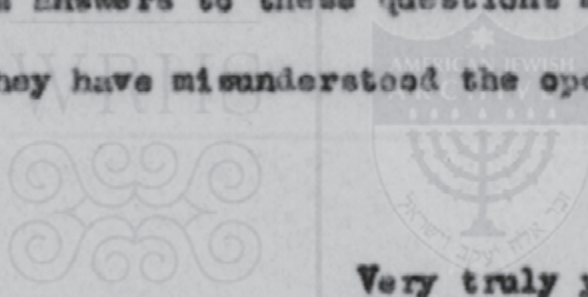
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of the total receipts reported by London was transmitted to Palestine, inclusive of any sum that may have been transmitted directly from the United States to Palestine, was received in Palestine.

6. What were the disbursements covering exactly the total so reported, whether of European or of American origin, representing the K.H. and the World Zionist Organisation in Palestine, and finally,

7. What were the surplus or deficits in Palestine on these various accounts on December 31st.

Perhaps answers to these questions might persuade Dr. Marmorek and Dr. Nordau that they have misunderstood the operations of the World Zionist Organisation.



Very truly yours,

Det.

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February 8th, 1933

Dr. George Gordon,
1716 Portland Avenue,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Dr. Gordon:

I can perfectly well understand not having heard from you in reference to my recent letter, as I put up to you a number of very perplexing questions, but you can imagine my sentiments on reading in the letter from Henrietta Szold, under date of December 28th, that the Unit was then \$10,000 pounds in arrears, and that they had had no money for November and December. Well, - money, money, money.

But here she writes, "The sooner our people in America learn that we are not independent of the Palestine government, the better for the Zionist idea. The knowledge will have to sink in gradually. To my mind, this was the fundamental idea underlying the conflict in America. Here in Palestine, though not acknowledged explicitly, it has already been learned, for the Vaad Hachinuch is now making a strenuous effort to secure a proper Jewish share of the school taxes for the Jewish school system."

I break the quotation here, not because I am going to miss a word, but merely to let you pause for a moment for what follows: "What has been happening is that the government schools for Arabs are quickly attaining a much higher status than the Vaad Hachinuch schools. The teachers are thoroughly well trained. They carry out instructions on the subject of hygiene to the letter, while the Jewish teachers take a most superficial interest in this aspect of school work. The Arab teachers are modern as compared to the Jewish teachers."

I don't quote more of this because she comments very freely upon a gentleman who knew all this and has now joined the K.K.

What shall we say of these 'gevalt shriers' of ours, who having yelled so much for the Vaad Hachinuch, and who regard us as 'ohne-nichone', and who have allowed the Arabs to pass them in the only field where at least they might conceivably be regarded as experts. If Henrietta Szold had not written this, I would not have mentioned it, even to be remotely true.

Yours,

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February 9, 1922.

The Judische Rundschau contains an appeal for the K.H. signed by a large group of men including representatives of all Jewish factions in Germany. Among the Zionists are Klee and Hantke.

Enclosed is translation of the appeal made by Dr. Rappaport. It is interesting to note that this appeal, following Dr. Weizmann's visit to Germany, says that the money raised in Germany is to be spent exclusively in Germany, and that the K.H. serves exclusively the purposes of practical settlement work in Palestine.

Jacob de Haas.

February 8, 1922.

from JUDISCHE RUNDschau

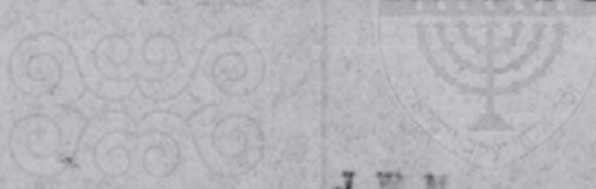
The colonization of Palestine was at all times, the supreme religious aim of Jewry. The opportunity is now given to develop Palestine into a Jewish Homeland. This puts the entire Jewry before a tremendous task. The fulfillment of this task will show whether the Jews possess the capability of creating in Palestine with their productive work any real value, whether they are able to create there a livelihood of their own specimen, whether the sense of justice to which the greatness of our people is due shall prevail in the life of the Jews. Every Jew of today ought to know that the future of our settlement in Palestine has its great significance which concerns him also. For this reason we should put this task above all the party matters and we should fulfil it by the cooperation of all. The difficulties are very great but not unsurmountable; our task is tremendous but feasible. The land of Palestine is to be broken by agriculture, the course of its rivers regulated, highways built, sanitation carried out, schooling established, social help and order instituted. It is the paramount duty of every German Jew to take an active part in this work. Extensive funds are to be raised. With regard to the low exchange rate of our money the funds to be raised for Palestine should be spent exclusively in Germany. We can render our best services for upbuilding of the Land, in buying of German goods to be used in Palestine, in providing pioneers (preparing for Palestine) with outfits and tools; in putting up preparatory-institutions in Germany for the preparation of emigrants to their intended new industrial and agricultural life. We call upon every German Jew. As the international Keren Hayesod movement has created a body of all the Jews for the upbuilding of the land; thus should the Keren Hayesod E.V. (Jewish Palestine work) unite all the forces of German Jewry towards the coming task in Palestine. The Keren Hayesod serves exclusively the purposes of the practical settlement work in Palestine. The fulfillment of the task requires from everybody such services as are adequate to the magnitude of our task.

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Woolworth Building,
New York City,
February 17, 1922.

L.D.B. et al.:

(1) Enclosed suggestion proposed cable after talking fully with Alex last night. He states that only one copy of Mrs. Fels' booklet sent to Europe or Palestine and that to Rubenstein, and cable has been sent him to destroy and not use it. Enclosed also copy of alleged cables referred to as per translation just received from Miss Szold. She sends me, too, a translation of Saphir's article on the Baron's interview, hardly worth copying.



J.W.M.

(Enclosure)

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DR WISE JUDGE MACK AGREE THAT RABBIS CONFERENCE BE HELD
NEWYORK THURSDAY FEBRUARY 16 TH AFTER FOUR OCLOCK COULD YOU ISSUE
INVITATION TO THEM MACK SUGGESTS YOU HE WISE NATHAN STRAUS JR AND
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JACOB DEHAAS.



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February 9th, 1922

Dear Dr. Silver:

The enclosures from Kaplan, of Chicago, are
 interring. I sent the resolution to Calisch as well as to the IOBB.

By this time, I presume you have received my mes-
 sage about the conference with the C.C.A.R. for Thursday, the 16th.

Yours,

Jacob De Haas

Dr. A. H. Silver,

The Temple,

E. 55th Street and Central,

Cleveland, Ohio.

JdeH/RDC

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Dear Sister:

7/10/22

1. Please read each hour a
talk with him - Russell was greatly impressed
with both brothers.

2. I'll be back in N.Y. Mon. night

I hope Robb's meeting can be arranged
for 16th - other meetings 18th & 19th

Cordially
John

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MEETING BY MAIL

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RABBI A H SILVER

THE TEMPLE CLEVELAND OHIO

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ALSO TO SEND ME NAMES OF MEMBERS OF YOUR COMMITTEE

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THURSDAY FEBRUARY SIXTEENTH SUITS ME ADMIRABLY I SHALL BE THERE

LOUIS L MANN.



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Feb. 12, 1922

~~Dr. Edward Calis~~

Dr. Edward N. Calisch,
Richmond Va.

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Schulman, Wolf, and Mann have accepted for Thursday as well as five members of our committee. Mack, Strauss, Wise Dehaas and myself. Will you not make another effort to come for it might be very difficult to find another day so generally convenient. If you cannot come, do you think it advisable to appoint a substitute. Please Wire.

Rabbi A. H. Silver

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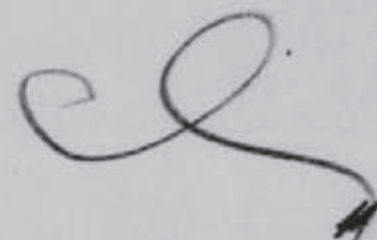
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LETTER ON WAY EXPLAINS CONDITION ILLNESS NOT ENGAGEMENT PREVENTED MY
COMING IF MEETING IN NEWYORK ANY MONDAY TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY OR IF
NECESSARY THURSDAY ACCEPTABLE TO ME AFTER TWENTIETH INSTANT AS TO
ATTENDANCE WHILE PREFERRING FULL ATTENDANCE WOULD CONSIDER EIGHTY
PERCENT WITH CHAIRMEN BOTH ORGANIZATIONS PRESENT SATISFACTORY

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February 13th, 1922.

Dr. E. N. Calisch
Richmond, Va.

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What date do you suggest and will such a meeting be contingent upon the attendance of every member, which would make such a meeting highly improbable.

A. H. Silver,

February 14th, 1922

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Mr. Jacob DeHaas
31 Union Square
New York City.

WRHS AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES

Meeting with Central Conference postponed to later date. Calisch cannot come. Will arrange for meeting later.

A. H. Silver

February 14th, 1922.

402- Rabbi Horace J. Wolf
117 Gibbs St.,
Rochester, N.Y.

400- Rabbi Louis Mann
757 Orange St.,
New Haven, Conn.

404- Rabbi Samuel Schulman
55 E. 92nd St.,
New York City.

Meeting scheduled for Thursday postponed to later date.

A. H. Silver.

February 14th, 1922.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise
23 West 90th Street,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Wise,

Thanks very much for your letter.
I am returning herewith the copy of your letter
to F.F. Our Conference with the C.C.A.R. has
been postponed on account of Dr. Calisch' illness.
I hope that we shall be able to hold it within the
next two or three weeks.

I shall be in New York from Thursday
until Sunday evening. I understand that a meeting
of the Central Conference has been called for
Sunday.

Hoping to see you then, I beg to
remain

Very sincerely yours,

✓
Woolworth Building.
February 18, 1922.

L.D.B., et al.:

Enclosed is the clipping that Miss Szold sent me in her letter. Dr. Wise made the translation. I have just talked to Alex about it. He says that in his judgment the first cable from London is a fabrication, and the second one, although dated New York, he believes was sent from London upon the receipt by Rubenstein there of the pamphlet. He agreed with me that a most emphatic denial on our part, of any political activity, is essential in view of this publication.

I enclose you a revised suggestion of cable to take the place of the suggested one sent you yesterday. Even if you should have made changes in that one, let me have your suggestions again on the present one.

(Enclosure)



(Revised Suggestion of Cable)

SZOLD

JERUSALEM

ALEX AUTHORIZES STATEMENT BELIEVES ALLEGED CORRESPONDENCE TWENTYNINTH ~~WIRE~~ FABRICATION FELS CABLE SUBSTANTIALLY CORRECT STOP CABLE JANUARY TWENTYTIED ENTIRELY WRONG PARTIES NAMED READY TO SUPPORT EVERY NONPARTISAN MOVEMENT FOR GOOD PALESTINE BUT DECLINE IDENTIFY THEMSELVES WITH ANY PALESTINE PARTY MOVEMENT STOP MRS. FELS WARMLY SUPPORTING EDUCATIONAL WORK BB AM DESIROUS AWAKENING INTEREST JEWISH YOUTH AMERICA THEREIN SECURED ENDORSEMENT PARTIES NAMED CABLE JANUARY TWENTYTIED FOR HER MESSAGE DEVOTED SOLELY THIS PURPOSE STOP BRANDIS GROUP PALESTINE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL SYMPATHETIC ALL GROUPS PALESTINE NOT PARTICIPATING OR BACKING BB OR ANY PARTY POLITICALLY DEVOTING SELVES EXCLUSIVELY ECONOMIC UNDERTAKINGS STOP EXPECT MRS. FELS WILL ISSUE STATEMENT

BACK

I read this to Alex and he thinks it is O.K.

J.W.M.

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February 12th, 1922

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

My dear Mr. DeHaas,

I have issued invitations by telegraph to the five members of the committee of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, for Thursday Morning, February 16th, at ten o'clock, at the Pennsylvania Hotel. I have designated the morning because some of the members of that committee, I am quite sure, would want to leave in the evening to be back in their pulpits Friday night.

I have also stated that the meeting would be at the Pennsylvania Hotel. Please make reservation of a room there.

The Committee of five which you suggested is perfectly all right, although I would prefer to see one or two members on it who are not avowed Zionists.

Very sincerely yours,

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February 13th, 1922

Dear Dr. Silver:

Yours of the 12th received.

I have made reservation for conference room at the Pennsylvania for Thursday morning. I hope you will wire me whether or not they accept the engagement.

I have just spoken to Nathan Straus, Jr. He will attend, and he has suggested, in fact, is anxious that the meeting be held in his father's office. I agree with him and am quite sure that the others would prefer that to the hotel. Anyhow, I am going ahead with the reservation at the Pennsylvania.

Wise is out-of-town today but will get in touch with him the first thing in the morning. I don't know whether Mack can get away from Court in the morning. That is why he asked that the conference take place after 4 o'clock.

Yours,

Samuel J. Rosensohn

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

JdeH/RDC

ISIDOR BLUM
ATTORNEY AT LAW
1109-1119 CALVERT BUILDING
BALTIMORE

March 19, 1922.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

A committee of the Palestine Development League of Baltimore will meet this week to make plans to secure subscriptions. Our efforts will be in the nature of a campaign and will probably be scheduled for the middle of April. Your presence and participation at the dinner, smoker or other gathering that we shall arrange will be of the greatest value and will contribute very materially to the result. Can you arrange to be here?

With best regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

Isidor Blum

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March 22nd, 1922.

Mr. Isidor Blum,
1109-1119 Calvert Bldg.,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Blum,

I am in receipt of your kind letter of the 19th. I am scheduled to address the Baltimore Council of Jewish Women on Monday April 17th. I assume that it is in the afternoon, although I am not certain. You can learn from someone in authority as to the exact hour.

If the Council meeting is in the afternoon, I can be with you either for a luncheon, or an evening meeting. If the Council meeting is in the evening, I can likewise give you the noon hour. I plan to arrive in Baltimore Monday morning. I trust that your work will be crowned with success.

With kindest regards, I beg to
remain

Very sincerely yours,

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March twenty-fourth, 1922

Dr. Edward N. Calisch,

Richmond, Va.

My dear Dr. Calisch,

I wonder whether you would not suggest two or three dates during the coming month of April, on one of which the Committee of the Central Conference and the Palestine Development Council may hold its meeting. I found that a Thursday is perhaps the most convenient day for all the men.

I trust that you are well. With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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May 6, 1922.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Care The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

Confirming my telegram to you last night in response to yours, I wish to say that Thursday, May 4th, is acceptable to me, and I shall be present in New York, Deo volente. Please advise me as to the place of the meeting.

I enclose a memorandum which I have received from the Telephone Company for the telegrams sent by you on the occasion of your visit ~~to me~~ in the city.

With assurance of my deep regard, I am, as ever,

Sincerely yours,

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E. RAPOPORT, M.D.

COR. MARKET & FIFTH ST. N. W.

CANTON, OHIO

July 28, 1922.

Rabbi A.H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

The Jewish Community of Canton is celebrating the event of the ratification of the Palestinian Mandate by a Mass meeting on August 14th, 15th, or 16th, 1922.

We are extending herewith a hearty invitation to you to honor us with your presence on that occasion.

Kindly inform us as soon as convenient whether you accept, and which of the above dates is suitable to you.

With Zion's Greetings and best personal wishes,
I am

Sincerely yours,

E. Rapoport

August third, 1922

Dr. E. Rapoport,
Cor. Market and Fifth St. N.W.,
Canton, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Rapoport,

Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to address the Jewish Community of Canton, on the occasion of the mass meeting to be held to celebrate the ratification of the Palestine Mandate.

I wish I were in a position to avail myself of your kindness. I am, however, leaving the middle of August for a lecture tour of the Pacific Coast, in behalf of the Palestine Development Leagues, which is the most pressing Zionist activity at the present time. So you will see why I cannot come to Canton.

I wish you a very successful meeting. The occasion certainly justifies it.

Very sincerely yours,

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THIRTY FIRST OF AUGUST WILL BE AGREEABLE TO US YOUR PRESENCE
WILL BE INSTRUMENTAL IN MAKING AFFAIR SUCCESSFUL I HOPE THAT
YOUR TIME WILL PERMIT YOU TO ACCEPT OUR INVITATION AS THE SPEAKER
ON THIS OCCASION

MAX SHULMAN.

*1607 Highland Block
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August 9th, 1922.

Mr. Max Shulman,
1607 Ashland Blk.,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Shulman,

I wish I were in a position to accept your invitation to address the Mandate celebration meeting in Chicago. I am leaving Cleveland the middle of this month for a tour of the Pacific coast in the interest of the Rutenberg Project, and I shall be gone until the middle of September. You see therefore, that I cannot comply with your request. I trust that you will have a very successful meeting, such as the occasion justifies.

With kindest regards, and wishing you a very pleasant summer, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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THE PALESTINE MANDATE CELEBRATION COMMITTEE OF PITTSBURGH WOULD URGENTLY REQUEST YOU TO ADDRESS A CELEBRATION MASS MEETING IN A LOCAL THEATRE TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY EVENING AUGUST TWENTY SEVENTH WE WILL HIGHLY APPRECIATE YOUR PRESENCE BECAUSE WE KNOW YOU WILL AWAKEN THE PROPER ZIONISTIC SPIRIT IN OUR COMMUNITY WE MOST URGENTLY REQUEST YOU TO ACCEPT AND TO WIRE YOUR REPLY IMMEDIATELY

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Ans. 8/16/22

Sept 28/92

My Dear Sisters:

I have with great satisfaction
 of your good work in the West - and
 trust that you are so shaping your work
 as to give Palestine a large share
 of your time.

The work before us is very urgent, and
 we have much need for good counsel.
 During our Conferences yesterday and today.
 Most cordially
 S. Abbott Allen Brown Howard H. Brown

October 9th, 1922.

Justice Louis D. Brandeis,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Justice Brandeis,

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of the 28th. Of course it is my hope during the coming winter to give as much time as I will have at my disposal to the work of the P.D.C. I shall however be very much occupied during this year with the work of building our new Temple here in Cleveland.

It has occurred to me that too few of our group have during the past year given as much time to the cause of the P.D.C. as the occasion demands, more especially our associates in New York City.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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FIRST HEBREW CONGREGATION OF OAKLAND
TEMPLE SINAI

Jacob deHaas
New York City
N.Y.

Dear Mr. deHaas,-

Answering your wire, let me say that Mr. Peter Schweitzer said in the hearing of some 25 persons at the St. Francis Hotel that the rift between the two parties in the Zionist movement would soon be of the past, and nearly every speaker that night took the cue from him.

The Keren Hayesod has opened an office in San Francisco and if there are to be two separate movements, I can see very little hope for the appeal you are making. If Mr. Barnett has some tangible results to show, he claims that responsible business men have promised support. My point is that no public opinion is being crystalized for the work, while the other faction is at work, and makes its appeal to the foreign element.

I hope you feel the dilemma of the local situation.

WRHS
(signed)

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Sincerely your friend,

Rudolph I Coffee

THE ORGANIZATION OF PALESTINE DEVELOPMENT LEAGUES

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There are no set rules governing the formation of local organizations of the Leagues and there are no fixed dues. Nor does the Central Committee bind any League to any policy or purpose other than that of developing a practical interest among its members in the development of Palestine as the Jewish Home Land and in the economic enterprises launched by the Palestine Development Council.

For a League, however, to be recognized and chartered by the Central Committee and to be entitled to representation on the Palestine Development Council, and to have a vote in the election of its Trustees, it must have a membership of not less than twenty-five and must have subscribed not less than five thousand dollars for stock issued by the Palestine Development Council in the calendar year preceding the annual meeting of the Leagues. There can be more than one League in a city and provision will be made for the recognition of Leagues in centers which, owing to local conditions, cannot comply with the minimum demand.

It is recommended that a meeting of those interested in this task be held immediately. That these constitute themselves in a League, and that they appoint officers capable of directing the affairs of the League. The decision as to whether or not membership dues are to be imposed and how much should be based upon the character of the work which each League plans to undertake as a local organization, the number of meetings it proposes to hold and the cost of any propaganda it wishes to institute.

One important fact, however, should be constantly borne in mind by all the Leagues. No part of the capital raised for the Palestine Council undertakings, excepting taxes and purely business charges, will be expended in the United States. Instead of spending any money for promotion, stock ~~fundament~~ selling, propaganda or the like, the capital will be devoted entirely to its designated purpose. The organization expense of the Palestine Development Council is being provided by an allotment from the Administrative funds of the Central Committee. This fund is purely voluntary and the Leagues are looked to, first to make some contribution to it, and secondly to limit the need for it by undertaking all efforts locally.

We want to bring out local initiative and enterprize for the cause. We wish to avoid sending out propagandists because it is expensive. In the same way we wish to avoid the cost of large postage bills involved in mass circularization from a central office. Therefore, insofar as Leagues undertake ^{such work} ~~this~~, they must make provision for it.

Personal solicitation and well directed voluntary effort are the best and most fruitful methods, ~~of procedure~~. Our most effective propaganda will be our achievements in Palestine. Action may at first not be as telling and forceful as a captivating speech, but if we press on resolutely, raising money in America, and building and constructing in Palestine, then act after act will ^{cumulatively the desired} ~~have a most salutary and cumulative~~ effect. The members of our League should come to be known in their communities as those Jews whose personal efforts and personal sacrifices make them builders of the New Palestine.

Organize at once!
Send names and addresses of officers to the
Central Comm. in the U.S.
Secure your charter by having the members
sign League subscription at once for \$5000
the 1st preferred stock of the P.D.C. - on
12th subscription.

V - The Organization of ^{Palestine} Leagues

The Central Committee of the Palestine Development Leagues has been organized in conjunction with the Palestine Development Council. Each league is to be composed of not less than.....members who shall have subscribed not less than..... for stock issued by the Palestine Development Council in the calendar year but every league organized, and recognized by the Central Committee shall be entitled to participate in the annual meeting of the Leagues. ⁽³⁾ There can be more than one league in a city and provision is made for the recognition of leagues in centers that cannot, owing to local conditions, comply with the minimum demand. The leagues will be represented on the Palestine Development Council and have a vote in the election of its trustees. ^{TP} The task of the leagues in the first place is that of promoting the sale of the stock of

the Palestine Cooperative Company. There are no set rules governing the form of local organization of the leagues, and there are no fixed dues, nor does the Central Committee bind any league to any policy or purpose other than that of developing a practical interest *and in the economic enterprise encouraged by the P.D.C.* of its members in the development of Palestine as the Jewish Homeland. It is recommended

that a meeting of those interested in this task be ^{made} ^{at} 1, that they appoint officers capable of directing the affairs of the league, ^{and that} The decision as to whether or not membership dues be imposed and how much, ^{should} ^{be} ^{based} ^{upon} ^{the} ^{character} ^{of} ^{the} ^{work} ^{which} ^{the} ^{league} ^{undertakes} ^{as} ^a ^{local} ^{organization}; the number of ^{plans} ^{of} the work which the league undertakes as a local organization; the number of meetings it purposes to hold and the cost of any propaganda it wishes to institute.

^P Certain facts will have to be borne in mind. 1) No part of the capital raised for any of the Palestine Development Council undertakings, excepting taxes and purely business charges, will be expended ^{in the United States} ^{see} Instead of spending any money for promotion, stock selling, propaganda or the like, the capital will be devoted entirely to its designated purpose. ^{and} The organization expense of the Palestine Development Council is being provided by an allotment from the Administrative funds of the Central Committee.

^{and} This fund is purely voluntary, ^{and} the Leagues are looked to, first to make some contribution to it, ^{and} secondly, to limit the need for it by undertaking all effort locally.

^P We want to bring out local initiative and enterprise for the cause. We wish to

avoid sending out propaganda because it is expensive and of only temporary effect.

In the same way we wish to avoid the costs of large postage bills involved in mass

circularization from a central office. Therefore ~~insofar~~ insofar as leagues undertake

this they must make provision for it. ~~But we are hoping that everywhere the minimal cost~~

~~can be induced by personal solicitation and well directed voluntary effort.~~ In this way

we shall have much for Palestine at little cost of organization. ~~Our own faith is the~~

~~success of propaganda by achievements in Palestine.~~ Action may at first not be as ~~telling~~

as a captivating speech but if we press on raising money and ~~on things~~ in Palestine,

then act after act will surely tell, Leagues will come to be understood in their

communities as those Jews whose personal effort and sacrifice makes them the builders of

Palestine.

Personal solicitation and well directed
voluntary effort are the best and most
effective ~~means~~ methods of work.

THE FRIENDS OF THE BNE BENJAMIN

A MESSAGE FROM PALESTINE

by

MARY FELS.

Fels

I happened to be in Palestine in May 1921. I was in Jerusalem and Jaffa during the riots against the Jews. Yet I left Palestine full of hope and optimism. Why? Because I had heard the song of our beautiful country. The song Simeon Bar Giora and Johanan of Giscala must have heard during their heroic fight against the Romans; the song Bar Kochba must have heard when he fell on the smouldering ruins of Beter.

I left Palestine thrilled by the knowledge that the Jewish spirit has been reborn there and that nothing can break it. The youth of Palestine has given me this certitude, - the youth born and reared among the brown hills of Judea, in the plains of Samaria, on the green heights of Galilee. The youth which sings, in Hebrew, those stirring words David sang when pursued by his enemies; which is living the life of Gideon, and Shamgar Ben Anath, the heroes of ancient Palestine.

I want you to know them as I do, to become the Friends of their organization, the Bne Benjamin. For this friendship will do for you what it did for me: give you faith in Palestine and the joy of Palestine. In each colony there is a branch of this organization assisting its members in every way possible. Lectures are provided on agriculture, literature etc.; publications of every kind are in the reading rooms of the respective clubs; community works are undertaken co-operatively. In case of the disablement of one of the members, the organization sees to it that his work is done for him. The different branches are in constant

touch, and all important matters - such, for instance, as dealing with the Government - are taken up by the Executive Committee of the organization, whose office is in Tel Aviv, Jaffa. The organization also encourages, develops and maintains public gardens, national pageants and festivals, and orchestras. Although the organization is scarcely a year old, its influence is already felt. The youth of the towns desires to join the Bne Benjamin; and the girls of the colonies are soon to organize a parallel organization, the Bnot Benjamin. During the riots of last May the Bne Benjamin gave good proof of their ability and readiness to meet any emergency. ~~A wonderful system for imparting information to each other has been worked out by the different branches~~ The heroic defence of Petach Tikvah and Rehovoth under the leadership of Abraham Shapiro (the Buffalo Bill of Palestine) will remain for ever a brilliant ^{chapter} in the history of this young organization.

Why the name Bne Benjamin? Because the father of the colonies is Benjamin de Rothschild, and the father of ^{the Jewish Renaissance} ~~the Jewish Renaissance~~ Benjamin Herzl: and the children of Palestine chose for themselves this twice-beloved name, the Children of Benjamin.

They are true sons of Palestine, the Bne Benjamin, longing to spend their lives in its service. Some of these boys, young as they are, have been tested by life and given good account of themselves. Some of the names are familiar even here, so far

away from our beloved Palestine: Captain Alex Aaronsohn, Joseph Davidesco, Israel Blumenfeld. ^{Others not known here but well known here} Amasia Eisenberg, ~~Abraham~~

~~Baruch Raab, Mordechai Perline, Eitan Belkind, Absalom Fein, Yaakov Ben Zevi; all sons of famous pioneers, themselves~~
Baruch Raab, Mordechai Perline, Eitan Belkind, Absalom Fein, Yaakov Ben Zevi; all sons of famous pioneers, themselves

wise young men of Eretz Israel. If you could see them, see the fire in their eyes, the strength and energy of their young bodies; *if you would learn what sane sense and uncommon* you would believe as I do that we have a new race of Jews, sons of the Hatikvoh, making Hatikvoh reality.

Why should we form this organization of Friends of the Bne Benjamin here in America? For two reasons: in the first place, for the sake of the Bne Benjamin in Palestine. We want to show these young people that we understand the value of their endeavor and the beauty of their life. Until recently we all spoke of Palestine, but not of the Palestinians. ~~If we thought of them it was in terms of "Palukim", of charity.~~ We did not understand their problems, we did not realise what lessons in daily heroism they were giving us. We were not in touch with them at all. They felt alone and unappreciated.... This must not be. No matter how strong a person is, he craves sympathy and understanding; he desires the handshake that encourages. We want to reach out our hand ~~congratulate them~~, to tell the Palestinians we are with them in spirit. That will help, - it will help them, but it will help you-us much more. And this brings me to the second reason. We need the message from Palestine. We want to hear this song that tells of great dreams, great endeavors, great achievements. We want our Jewishness galvanized. We want to feel the throb of Jewish glory. Palestine alone can do it for us, - Palestine through its Palestinians. We want to be in touch with the Palestinians, to know of their labors, their hopes, their sorrows. We want to learn how to serve those who serve Palestine, to help them in a modest way, leaving the bigger things to the stronger organization and to individuals. What we want to do and can do is to help in a small way by sending literature, projecting lanterns, slides, etc.; by telling them

what we are doing here and learning what they are doing there;
by exchanging views, keeping in touch in every way.... Think of
the thousands of young men and women here who would find new
interest, new ideas, new adventures, through these contacts with
the Bne Benjamin!

I have found romance in Palestine, - the romance of the
rebirth of a nation; and this romance I felt I must make you
share.

Do you not wish to become a Friend of the Bne Benjamin?

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Under such leadership and the inspiration of such personalities, the Jews of America cannot but meet their duty to their brethren and give generously, in spite of all difficulties.

"JULIUS ROSENWALD,

"Chairman, Resolution Committee,

"ABEL DAVIS,

"Chairman, Conference Committee."

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