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275 SEVENTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

September 25, 1942.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You will recall that after the meeting of the Office Committee of the Emergency Committee last week I approached you in the name of the Central Committee of the Poale Zion and told you of our desire to have you address the opening session of our national convention which is to be held in Syracuse, November 4-8.

Our Central Committee was very glad to learn that you expressed your willingness to accept this invitation and we eagerly await your definite confirmation.

Our convention opens on Wednesday evening, November 4, in the Hotel Syracuse, in Syracuse, N.Y. We leave it to you to choose the form of your participation in our opening session. Whether it will be in the form of a greeting as national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, or it will be an address, perhaps in connection with your last trip to London, or in general in relation to any phase of our common Zionist activity and problems, is entirely up to you.

May I ask you to please let us know immediately, as we must set up the agenda of the convention in general and the opening session in particular.

With Zionist greetings,

David Wertheim
David Wertheim, Secretary

September 28, 1942

Mr. David Wertheim, Secretary
Poale Zion
275 Seventh Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Wertheim:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of September 25 and your kind invitation to address the opening session of your convention on Wednesday evening, November 4, in Syracuse, N.Y. Under normal conditions I would be forced to decline because of my very crowded schedule and the pressure of work here, but I recall that I disappointed you last Spring at your Third Seder and I feel that I ought to make some kind of an atonement. I shall, therefore, make every effort to be with you on November 4. All my engagements are of course subject to cancellation if an unusual situation arises requiring my presence in Cleveland. This, I am sure, you understand.

As far as the subject of my address is concerned, I am not at the present moment able to suggest a specific subject. I shall try to reaffirm the classic thesis of Zionism which is being subjected to such whittling processes today both by Zionists and non-Zionists. You may phrase the subject yourself.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK