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17 June 1949

Rabbi Abba H. Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street & Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am one of the editors of the Readers Digest and we are considering publishing something on the somewhat controversial issue of Zionism ✓ in America, on which we have received a number of articles pro and con.

In order to be fair to both sides, we have in mind giving equal space to two articles, - one of which would be critical of American Zionism, ✓ and one which would defend it.

For instance, one of the articles we are considering takes the position that Judaism should only be a religious faith, that there is no such thing as a Jewish race, that Jewish nationalism is today an artificial creation, that this nationalism tends to divide the loyalties of American Jews, who should not allow themselves to be organized into a pressure group in behalf of a foreign state, that Zionist activity in behalf of Israel may feed anti-Semitism, that the sympathy for Christian baders for Jews should not be measured by their support of Zionism.

These, of course, are not quotations, but they give the general trend of the arguments against Zionism, which you are probably more familiar with than I am. Now, what we would like is an article from you in support of the position of Zionists in America, and certainly I would not presume to dictate what you write. I suggest only that you make it a positive article in support of Zionism in America which would - either directly or indirectly - answer the general type of criticism which you most often hear. ✓

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We should like to have from you an article of not less than 2,000 words, no more than 2400, and we plan that the two presentations will be approximately equal in length.

Furthermore, we would have to have our copy by June 28th so if for any reason you can't do this, please let me know at once as we are anxious to present both sides.

I hope you accept, as I feel no one could state the position of Zionists in America with more skill, ease, and effectiveness as you.

Yours very sincerely,

W. L. White

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W. L. White

160 E. 66TH STREET

NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

20 June 1949

Rabbi Abba H. Silver  
19810 Shaker Boulevard  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I can't understand why my previous letter miscarried, but here is a carbon copy.

I was delighted to have your acceptance over the telephone this morning, as I feel nobody could make a more effective presentation than you.

If by chance it would be convenient to you to ask your secretary to double-space the typed draft of the article, and to send the original to Mr. Dewitt Wallace, Editor of the Reader's Digest, Pleasantville, N.Y., and a carbon copy to me at 160 East 66th Street, New York City, it would help us a good deal, and I would appreciate it.

Thanking you again, I am

Yours very sincerely,

  
W. L. White

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June 23, 1949

Mr. Hewitt Wallace, Editor  
Reader's Digest  
Pleasantville, New York

My dear Mr. Wallace:

In accordance with the request of Mr. W. L. White, I am herewith enclosing the original draft of an article which I have written for the Reader's Digest.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er  
Enc.

June 23, 1949

Mr. W. L. White  
160 East 66th Street  
New York 21, New York

My dear Mr. White:

Shortly after speaking to you the other day, I received your letter, and yesterday I received the carbon copy. I am enclosing herewith the article which you requested, and I trust that you will find it satisfactory. I have sent the original draft, as you requested to Mr. Dewitt Wallace.

In writing the article I have tried to keep in mind that it is to be part of a symposium or a debate and to answer some of the statements which might be raised in an opposition article. I was guided by the third paragraph of your letter.

I did not give any title to the article, assuming that you will have a title which would embrace both. Should you wish an independent title for my article, I would suggest, "Zionism, Judaism and the New State of Israel".

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er  
Enc.

# *The* READER'S DIGEST

Editors • DEWITT WALLACE • LILA ACHESON WALLACE



*Heavenly, N.Y.*

Executive Editor • KENNETH W. PAYNE

June 29, 1949

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Our most cordial thanks to you for your highly effective reply to Mr. Lilienthal's article on Zionism.

We should like to reduce it about 300 words, so that both articles will be the same length. We believe we can do so without impairing its style, spirit or substance, but we shall send a copy for your approval.

A check for \$1500 is enclosed, accompanied with our warm appreciation.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*De Witt Wallace*

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105 Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio



# *The* READER'S DIGEST

ALFRED S. DASHIELL • Managing Editor



*Pleasantville, N.Y.*

July 1, 1949

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We enclose herewith a copy of your article. It was necessary to shorten it slightly in order to get within the space limitations. No other changes have been made. We trust that it meets with your approval.

Would you please let us know the correct form of your signature for the article and whether the author's biographical note is accurate.

Sincerely yours,

*Alfred Dashnell*

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

July 5, 1949

Mr. Dewitt Wallace  
Reader's Digest  
Pleasantville, New York

My dear Mr. Wallace:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of June 29th. I am pleased that you found my article on Zionism satisfactory. I have since received from Mr. Alfred S. Dashiell a copy of the article revised so as to reduce it somewhat. I have already returned the revised article to Mr. Dashiell with a few comments.

I am pleased that I was able to be of service to the Reader's Digest and I am grateful to you for the check which you enclosed.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

July 5, 1949

Mr. Alfred S. Dashiell, Managing Editor  
The Reader's Digest  
Pleasantville, New York

My dear Mr. Dashiell:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of July 1st and for sending me a revised copy of my article. I am grateful for the helpful revisions. I would request that a few deletions which are made in the revised draft be restored. I do not believe that they will substantially increase the length of the article. I have indicated in the copy which you sent me, and which I am herewith returning to you, what these are.

The reasons for restoring some of these deletions are as follows:

1. On page 7, at the top of the page: With this sentence deleted, it would suggest that the Zionists alone can or should carry the whole economic burden in the future, which, of course, is not the case.
2. On page 7, beginning of paragraph 3: The point here is that there was a vast dispersion even during the time when the Jewish State was in existence. In your revised form this is not clearly indicated.
3. On page 9, at the top of page: This is important to indicate the economic responsibility which Jews everywhere felt towards the land of Israel and its institutions.
4. On page 9, bottom of page: The argument has been made frequently that while the political loyalty of the American Jew may not be involved as a result of his interest in the State of Israel, his complete integration in the whole life, social and cultural, of America may be jeopardized.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Enc.



# א בריוועל צו אהרן צייטלין

Aug. 3

א בריוועל צו אהרן צייטלין  
פון דר. ש. מארגאשעס

טייערער קאלעגע צייטלין:

איך האב געלייענט דאס "כמעט אפגעברייטעל" צו אייך, וואס ברוך צוקערמאן האט אפגעדרוקט אין לעצטען נומער "אידישער קעמפער", און איך האב געטראכט, אז אזוי ווי ער פארלאנגט פון אייך א תשובה "אין נאמען פון עטישן זשורנאליזם", וואלט אפשר כדאי געווען, אז איר—און ניט נאך איר אליין—זאלט באקאנט ווערען מיט אביסעל מער פאקטען ווי די דאזיגע, וואס ברוך צוקערמאן האט געפירט נען פאר פאסיג צו פארעפנטליכען אין זיין ווענדונג צו אייך. ס'איז דאך ניט קיין צופאל, וואס צוקערמאן אליין האט באטיטעלט זיין ווערק "כמעט אן אפען בריוועל". אזא איז שוין זיין נאטור: ער איז שטענדיג "כמעט" אפען, ווייל ער האט תמיד וואס צו באהאלטען.

קודם כל, וועגען דער מערכה פון איר דיש אויפ'ן "כנוס" פון אינטעלעקטואל לען, וואס די פועלי-ציון פארטיי האט אנומעלטען צוזאמענגערופען. צוקערמאן אליין איז זיך מודה, אז אויפ'ן כנוס האבען כמעט אלע גדולי הדור גערעדט ענגליש—און ער בתוכם. "מיין פארברעכען" איז ער זיך מתנצל: "האט געמוזט באשטיין אין דעם, וואס איך האב, אלס פארזיצער פון דער שלום-זיצונג, פארגעשטעלט אבא אבן אויף ענגליש." און אפילו ווען צוקערמאן אליין וואלט ניט צוגעגעבען זיין "פארברעכען", זענען דא עדות דארויף, איך אליין האב געהערט וועגען צוקערמאן'ס רעדע "אין קלאסישען ליטווישען ענגליש" פון צוויי באגלויבטע עדיש-מיעה: היענע יאפע און ל. שפיר מאן. איז איינמאל אוועק: וועגן ברוך צוקערמאן'ס און די אנדערע אינטער-לעקטואלענ'ס רעדען ענגליש אויפ'ן כנוס איז נישטא דער מינדסטער ספק. וואלט דאס, אייגענטליך, באדארפט זיין גענוג צו פארענדיגען דעם עסק. האבען מיר אבער צו טאן מיט ברוך צוקערמאן'ען און זיין האלב-אפגענעם און האלב-ציגערקטען דרך—און עס קומט נאך ארויס, אז מ'האט אים בא-

גנב'עט און בא'גול'ט און אָנגערעדט אויף אים שער וכזב... "דער ערשטער האט דעם שער דערציילט דר. מארגאשעס", ניט ער זיך א זאג אפ. "פון אים האט עס אויפגעכאפט ציבון, און דורך זיי איז נכשל געווארן דער לעבעדיגער. מארגאשעס האט דערציילט זיינע לייע-נערס, אז איך בין באגאנגען א פאר-ראט קענען אידיש. איך האב גערעדט אויפ'ן כנוס אין ענגליש." אלזא, קומט אויס, אז וואס צוקערמאן האט מיט א מינוט פריער אליין צוגעגעבן, נעמליך, אז ער האט זיך באנוצט מיט ענגליש אויפ'ן כנוס, איז געווען—לויט צוקערמאן'ס באראקטעריסטישן אויסדרוק—"כמעט" אמת, נאך וואס דען—מארגאשעס, ציבון, דער לעבעדיגער (און אהרון-אהרון חביב—אהרן צייטלין) האבען אויסגעטראכט—א שער בלבול. אט דאס הייסט צוקערמאנישע דיע-לעקטיק.

וואס טוט נאך? — איז די גאנצע מעשה, ווי דער צדיק צוקערמאן דער-ציילט זי, א גרויסער ליגען. איך האב קיינמאל נישט דערציילט מיינע לייע-נערס, אז צוקערמאן "איז באגאנגען א פארראט קעגן אידיש". איך האב בלויז, פארבייגייענדיג, דערמאנט צוקערמאן'ס רעדע, ווי אן אילוסטראציע, אז אפילו געשוואוירענע אידישיסטען רעדען היינטיגע צייטען אויף ענגליש ביי אידישע פארוואלונגען. דערביי האב איך בפירוש צוגעגעבען, אז איך האלט דאס גארנישט פאר קיין פארברעכען. פארקערט: ס'איז פון די זאכען, וואס זומן גורמים, ווען איך וואלט שוין גע-האלטען דערביי צו דערמאנען פאר-ברעכענ'ס און פארראטען, וואלט איך, מאלט אייך, געקאנט געפינען ערגערע חטאים ווי צוקערמאן'ס אופן ווי ער דער'הרג'עט דעם קיניג'ס ענגליש. אזוי, למשל, וואלט איך געקאנט, ניט גייענדיג א סך ווייטער, אָנווייזען דאך דא, אז דער גאנצער "כנוס פון אידיש-טעלעקטואלען" איז געווען ניט, ווי צו-קערמאן וויל אונז איינרעדען, אן אונ-טערנעמונג, "וועמעס ציל איז אביסעלע

פארטיפונג אין אונזערע פראבלעמען, וואס די נייע עפאכע האט געשטעלט פאר'ן אידישן פאלק", נאך נאך עפעס אנדערש. נאך ניט דאס בין איך אויסן. וויכטיג אבער אין אונזער צוזאמען-האנג איז, וואס צוקערמאן איז ניט נאך א האלב-אפגענער און האלב-פארדעק-טער פאליטיקער, נאך וואס ער איז אויך א טיפער בוחן לבבות. ער ווייסט גענוי, ווי ער אליין וואלט געשטאנען דערביי, פארוואס איך האב אויסגע-טראכט אויף אים דעם שער, וואס איז זיך ער אליין איז זיך מודה, כמעט אמת. "דר. מארגאשעס", זוכט ער צו טרעפן, "האט מיט מיר א חשבון. איך האב מורד געווען אין געוויסע ציוניסטישע מנהגים, וואס ער דינט זיי זעהר גע-טריי." מען מוז צוגעבען, אז א קורטוב של אמת איז פארט פאראן אין דעם, וואס צוקערמאן זאגט דא, איך בין שוין אזא מענטש, וואס גלויב אין געטריי-שאפט, וואס קאן דינען געטריי אי אן אידעאל, אי פירערס, אי חברים, צו-קערמאן קאן דינען געטריי בלויז זיך אליין. איך האב דאס באמערקט די אלע יארען, וואס איך קען אים, און דאס איז שוין א קימא לן פון העכער דרויסן-יאר; ווער און וואס ער איז געווען פריער, ווייס איך נישט; ווען מיט קרוב צו פינף-און-פערציג יאר צוריק האבען מיר, דאס הייסט, איך צוזאמען מיט די אנדערע חברים אין ניו יארק, געגרינדעט די פועלי-ציון באוועגונג, איז ער נאך אלץ אויף דער סצענע ניט געווען. און נאך א שבת זאל מען אים נאכ-זאגען: ווען ס'קומט צו "מאכען א דושאב", איז ער דא. ווען אין סאמע ברען פון דער מלחמה קענען דער ציו-ניסטישער ארגאניזאציע אין אמעריקע, האט מען אריבערגעבראכט בערל לאקער'ן אראפצוועצען סילווער'ן און ניומאנע'ן און ארויפצוועצען אויף זיי-ערע ערטער מארגענטויען און מאנ-טאר'ן, און ס'איז נויטיג געווען צוצו-לייגען א באזונדערס שמעקעדיג קנויטל צום פייער, האט צוקערמאן די עוברת

זאל איך גיין ווייטער און דערציילען נאך און נאך? ס'וועט זיין גענוג וואס איך האב שוין דערציילט וועגען דעם האלב-ענטיממעטער באראקאוו'ן און צוויי-מילימעטערדיגען סירקני'ען, וואס שטייט היינט, בעוונותינו הרבים, אין דער שפיץ פון א גרויסער פארטיי. איך וויל אייך בלויז אָנמערקען צום סוף, קאלעגע צייטלין, אז כ'וואלט אייך גע-ראטען בכלל ניט צו נעמען ערנסט די אלע טענות, וואס צוקערמאן שטעלט ארויס קעגען אייך אין פארבינדונג מיט'ן כנוס. איר ווייסט דאך—מען מוז תמיד געדענקען ווער איז ווער און וואס איז זיין אָרט. און אפילו זיינע אייגענע חברים וועלען צוגעבען, אז צוקערמאן, ווי א פארשטייער און פירער פון א כנוס פון אינטעלעקטואלען, איז ממש א קאמישע פיגור.

אנט. — כ'האב מורא. אז דאס איז אומ'געגליך! — האָט געזאָגט היים דורי — בפרט אין אזעלכע אומשטענדען. וואָלט אויך נישט געווען גוט פאר דיר און... פאר'ן קינד!

— נו, דעם קינד איז עס נאך אלץ איינס! — האָט דינה געלאַכט.

— אויסערדעם פאָרט די פלוגה מאַרגען אָפּ. אויב דו ווילסט, וועל איך דאָ בלייבען מיט דיר און מיר וועלען צוזאמען אַפּפאַרען אין אַ פּאַר חדשים אַרום, ווען דער אָרט וועט זיין צוגעגרייט.

דינה האָט געפילט, אז עס וואָלט געווען אַ גרויסער קרבן פון זיין זייט. ער האָט אזוי שטאַרק געוואָלט זיין דאָרטען צווישען די ערשטע.

— ניין, פאַר מאַרגען! — האָט זי געזאָגט. — ביי מיר זיינען עס נאָר שטימונגען. דו ווילסט, ביי אזעלכע אומשטענדען ווערען פרויען אַ ביסל גערווען און קאפּריווע. ס'וועט אָבער איבערגיין. איך בלייב דאָך דאָ נישט אלליין!

— ביזט אַזאָ גוטע דינה! — איז זיין דורי איר געווען דאנקבאַר.

— ווילסט גיין צום יום־טוב? — האָט זי געפרעגט.

— יא! דער עולם איז זיך שוין שטמח! — האָט ער געזאָגט.

ער האָט צוגעהאַלטען דאָס לייווענ'טענע טירעל. דינה האָט זיך אַ בויג געטאָן און איז אַרויס.

— דאָרפסט זיין פאָרזוכטיג! — האָט ער געזאָגט.

— וואָלט שרייבען אָפּט! — האָט זי געזאָגט.

היים דורי האָט צוגעהאַלטען איר אָרם, ווען זיי האָבען געשפּרייזט צווישען די פּאַלאַטקעס. ער האָט זי פאָרזוכטיג געפירט צווישען די אָנגער צוגעגען שטריק און די פאַרשפּיצטע קליינעס, וואָס האָט אויפגעהאַלטען די געצעלטען.

פון אלע זייטען האָט דער עולם גע'שטראָמט אין גרויסען באַראָס.

(פאַרזעצונג—מאָרגען)

**קאמף צווישען רעפובליקאנער און ליבעראל פארטי פירער**

וואָרט אויף אים ביי דעם 16טען דע'צעמבער.

יענעם טאָג איז אָנגעקומען אַ טישעק פון אלבערט ה. פיש (דעם אלטען פיש'ס זון) אויף 25 דאָלאַר. דער זון האָט נאָך דאָן געפונען אין אַ קעמפּ אין דוּשאַהדוּשאַ. איצט איז מען שוין געווען זיכער, אז ער וועט קומען אָפּ נעמען דעם ברוי. האָט מען געוואָרט זיכען טעג און זיכען נעכט אויף אים, און ער איז נישט געקומען. אָבער אויפ'ן אַכטען טאָג איז ער געקומען און גלייך צוגעגאָנגען. צום ברויורעסטעל און אזוי נאך ווי ער האָט אַריינגעשטעקט דאָס שליסלעלע אינ'ם ברויורעסטעל האָט אים קינג אַ כאַפּ געטאָן. דאָס איז געווען דער מערדער פון דעם צען יע'ריגען מיידעלע, גרויס באַר, וועלכע ער האָט מיט זעקס יאָר צוריק גענומען פון אירע עלטערענ'ס היים און גע'זאָגט, אז ער פירט זי צו אַ געבורט'ס טאָג פאַרטי, וואָס זיין שוועסטער פראַוועט. אָבער געבראכט האָט ער זי נישט צו זיין שוועסטער, ווייל ער האָט גאָרניט קיין שוועסטער, נאָר ער האָט זי פאַרפירט אין אַ פאַרלאָזען הויז (וויסטעריע קאטעדראַ) אויף מאָנטיוו ראָוד אין וואַרטמינגטאָן וואָרם, און דאָרטען האָט ער זי צע'שניטען אויף שטיקער, דערנאָך צע'טיילט איר קליין קערפערעל אויף 3 חלקים, פאַרנייט אין דריי שטיקער לייווענס און זיי צעוואָרפען אויף באַ'ווערע ערטער, וואו מען קען זיי נישט געפינען.

אלבערט פיש, אָדער פרענק האַ'וואָרד האָט אַ דוהיגער זיך מורח גע'ווען, אז ער איז שוין געווען עטליכע מאל אַרעסטירט פאַר גנבה און סאָ'דיוס; אז ער איז אַ דעגענעראַט און אין זיין מערדעריי און גרוואַסקייט האָט ער באַשולדיגט זיין ווייב, מיט וועלכער ער האָט זעקס קינדער און וועלכע וואוינט נישט מיט אים פאַר די לעצטע נינצען יאָר.

ער איז גע'משפט געוואָרען אין ווייט פליינס און דעם 16טען יאָנו'אר, 1936, האָט מען אים געזעצט אויפ'ן עלעקטריק טישער.

**בילד פון מאַסקווער לעבען**

שפילט. כ'האב געווען ווי ער שפילט זיך מיט עטליכע פאַסטוואַלעך אויפ'ן פאַשע'פערל אַנטקעגען אונדזער סטא'דאלע און מיטאמאָל דערהערט, אז זיי שרייען "זשידי, זשידי — אידען!" דאָס האָרץ איז מיר שיער אָפּגע'שטאַנען. מיט אַן איינגעהאַלטענעם אָטעם האָב איך זיי אָבסערווירט און זיך איינגעהערט. זיי האָבען זיך גע'שפילט אין כאַפּען אידען. עטליכע זיינען געווען "אידען" עטליכע — "פּויערים", וואָס האָבען זיי געכאַפט און די איבעריגע — "דרייטשען", וועלכע זיינען אָנגעקומען אויפ'ן רוח פון די "פּויערים" און איבערגענומען פון זיי די "אידען". עס האָט זיך אָנ'געהויבען אַ "שלעדזשוואַ". די "דריי'טשען" האָבען אויסגעפאָרשט די גע'כאַפטע "אידען", זיי געשלאָגען און די קליינע "פּויערימלעך" האָבען דער'ביי געשריגען:

— פאַרשווע זשידי, פאַרשווע זשידי, פאַרטי, דערשיסען זיי!

מאניעקל איז געווען אַ "דרייטש", ער האָט אַרויסגעצויגען אַ לאַנגען שמע'קען — אזא ביסק אין געשריגען:

— פיה פיה! — ער האָט געשאַסען און די "אידען" זיינען "טויטע" גע'פאלען.

נו, כ'האב זיך צוגעקוקט צו דעם שפיל, און שיער אַראָפּגעפאלען פון דער לייסט. אין קאָפּ האָט זיך מיר פאַרמישט.

שובע איז אָנגעקומען, אָנגעכאַפט מאניעקל'ען פאַר אַ האַנט און אים אַרוינגעשלעפט אין שטוב. ער האָט נאָך אויפ'ן גאַנצען וועג געשריגען:

פיה פיה! זשידי, זשידי!

שובע האָט אים געשלאָגען אַן רחמנות, ער האָט גענומען די שקצים'לעך אויף פאַרהער און ס'האָט זיך אַרויסגעוויזען, אז זיי ווייסען פון גאָר'נישט. ער האָט זיי גאָרנישט דער'ציילט, מאניעקל. ס'איז נאָך געווען אזא שפיל, אין אלע דערפער שפילען זיך איצט די קינדער אין כאַפּען און שיסען אידען — האָבע זיי זיך אויך אזוי געשפילט.

מיר האָבען זיך באַדראַינט, ווער ווייסט אָבער צי פון דעם דאָזיגען שפיל קאָן אַמאָל נישט חלילה אַרויס'קומען עפעס שרעקליכעס!

מאניעקל קוועלט איצט, ער לאַכט פון אונז, ווי מיר האָבען מורא, ער שווערט זיך, אז ער וועט נישט אויס'זאָגען. מיר זאָגען אים צו צו מאַכען

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שובע איז היינט פאַרצווייפלט איבער אונדזער גורל. ער זאָגט אונדז פאַר נישט קיין גוטס, ער האַלט, אז עס איז אַ פאַרפאַלענע זאך — קיינער וועט אייך נישט העל'פּען, אויך די רוסקע נישט! זיי האָבן אַזוי אַזוי גע'פאַלען, אז דאָ, אין די וועג'נעראַווער וועלדער לעבען אין אַ בונד'קער צוויי סאָוועטישע סאָלאַטען, אַנטלאָפּענע פון דרייטשער געפאַנגענ'שאַפט, צוויי רוסישע יונגע'לייט, זיי האָבען נישט געוואָלט בלייבען ביים דרייטש אין געפאַנגענשאַפט און אַוואַר'נישט גיין קעמפּען צווישען די רוסישע פאַררעטער, די "וואַלאַסאָוועס" קעגען זייער אייגען פאַטערלאַנד — זיינען זיי אַנטלאָפּען פון געפאַנגען-לאַגער דאָ נישט ווייט, און זיך איינגעאַרדענט אין די ווענגראַווער וועלדער, זיי לע'בען זיך גוט, די פּויערים טראָגען זיי אַהין ברויט מיט מילך און געקעכץ, זיי פאַרנעמען זיך אויך מיט אויס'אַרבעטען פון צווייגען פּויערישע גע'פלאַכטענע קווישלעך, וועלכע זיי פאַר'קויפּען שפּעטער אין די אַרומיגע דער'פער.

זיי, אָט די צוויי רוסען, האָבען שוין גע'הרג'עט עטליכע אידען, וואָס האָבען פאַרבלאַנדזשעט דורך זייער וואַלד. "זיי פאַרטראָגען נישט קיין זשידעס" — זאָגען זיי. געווען אפילו אַמאָל אַ פאַל, אז אַ אירישער בחור מיט אַ מיידעל, וועלכע זיינען געווען פאַרשטעקט אין די מקומות — האָבען זיך דערוואוסט, אז רוסען לעבען אין וואַלד און זיינען אַרום פון זייער באַ'העלטעניש זיך אָנצושליסען אין זיי.

נו, — די צוויי רוסען האָבען זיי תיקף באַרויבט, אַראָפּגעצויגען פון זיי די מלבושים און דערמאָרדעט. זיי זאָגען אונדז, אז אויך דאָס רוסישע פאַלק האָט פיינט די זשידעס, וועל'

**די דערמאָרונג פאדערט אייפמערקזאמקייט**

קיין קאפּווייטאָן פרעפאַראַציע וואָס אַנטהאַלט איין באַשטאָנדטייל קען געבען דיזעלעכע אומפאַסענדע ווירקזאַמע הילף ווי "בי סייס" עטליכע מעדיצינישלאַוויסעפּראַוועט באַשטאָנדטיילען.



21 August '41

Washington

Rabbi Silver:

Having just read your piece in the digest, and particularly impressed by the closing statement "... Jews will be able ... to recapture... that religious leadership which twice in the past molded the civilization of Mankind," I am moved, having had some very harassing experiences working with and among Jews over the past seven years, in high places of government, & in the United Nations, to wonder where in heaven's name, you conceive the idea that Jews have any religion, save that which promotes their consuming zeal to exploit gentiles, damn Christians, and use their repulsive and polluted minds to spin schemes of "persecution" against them in order to somehow



break into the sympathies of  
a heart-breaking minority  
scattered across the world.  
Beginning in the oldest  
printed record we have the  
Bible, the record of the Jew is  
the same - exactly what it  
was back in Moses' day.  
They were a gang of complainers,  
fault finders, self-pitying "Moochers"  
yapping for something  
more than they had. Their  
real character reached  
its peak in the Crucifixion  
of the divine Master Jesus,  
who was not a Jew; tho  
they like to claim that he  
was. But, the fact that the  
Jew now tries to lay the  
charge of that most dastardly  
act at the feet of the Romans,  
does not render them less  
guilty.

Other nations of the world  
have found the Jew out, as  
the United States is fast coming

to do. Do you remember the words of Mr. Lincoln - "you can fool all of the people some of the time + some of the people all of the time" - And this nation - foreended by and for Christian Gentiles, is coming awake.

How much of the world do you suppose is being duped & fooled by such plunderings as the murder of Bernadotte, Chasing Geislings out of Carnegie Hall, sniping at Flagpoles all over the nation, picketing the White House, inciting negroes all over the land to depredations against white people. Who do you think the Jew has fooled in the South by carrying on this "K. K. K. Schemes in Alabama, + other places in the South?"

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Southerners know who is at  
the bottom of all these things,  
your Jew! Who, through  
that vicious Morganthau,  
has wormed himself into  
high places (and low) in our  
gov't. uses on "white" people  
the self same tactics they've  
used all their history. They  
tell "Wolf" to thrust sand  
& fog into the eyes of a public  
that is far, far from asleep  
to their real character &  
their real purpose. I know  
the strong & deep current  
of anathema in the heart of  
the Christian for the Jew,  
Created & sustained by the  
Jew. If only the American  
public knew the truth,  
about what your Israelites  
have done to the Arabs in  
Palestine! And it will come  
out and is coming out.

You supposed men of God  
who hold pulpits in your  
Synagogues could do no  
higher service than to



stop selling your smug,  
self-satisfied listlessness the  
fool's notion that they  
are "the Chosen people" and  
see if you can't discover  
some method of helping  
them get the stiffness out  
of their knees -- if they  
got down on their hands and  
knees some forgiveness  
for their sins, some  
"light" for their eyes,  
they might be able to figure  
out that they themselves  
are the root cause of all  
the world's troubles.  
For they still "sell doves  
in the temple of God"  
and they still Crucify  
the only one who  
ever walked the earth  
bringing deliverance  
not only to Gentiles  
but to Jews as well.

Personally, I'd like to  
change my mind about  
the Jew. Once I had a  
wholly different opinion.  
I thought people who had  
anti-semitic feelings  
were just narrow and  
mean. How did I happen to  
change? by working with  
& among Jews. and by ex-  
periencing their real  
character in expression. I  
could cite you to dozens and  
dozens of persons who feel  
the same as I do, having had  
the same experience. This  
is not simply a petty pre-  
judice on the part of a few  
persons - it's growing, and  
the time will come when the  
Jew will find that the last  
country on earth which was  
friendly to him has been for-  
feited of all the others having  
been. You men of the Cloth  
could do a great deal to  
change this, unless you hide-  
bind that same delusion you've  
held to for endless ages - "The Chosen  
people." from a Christian  
Scientist.



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For Rabbi Silver:-

The two articles on  
"Zionism & American  
Jews" in Reader's Digest  
(C&M) are being read  
& discussed here with  
great interest. —

The "objective" analysis  
of the "neutrals"  
by Dr. Silverman seems to  
show  
more "Americanism" —  
is "realistic" —  
"Lives" advocates citizenship  
—  
of course, people love  
"utopias" — ? —



At the end of your article p. 58—  
you indicate that this new  
State of Israel is only a small  
beginning, that far  
"greater" things will come—  
? — "a day-dreaming"? —  
"The establishment of the  
Kingdoms -- of our prophets  
& ours" —

You overlook the  
spiritual character  
of the Messianic Kingdoms  
— as described  
by your (many) great  
Prophets — — —

"spiritual" is a far  
different sense from  
your "spiritual" p. 58.

The devout, believing children  
of Abraham among thousands  
in the B. T. hold not in  
a temporal meaning  
to those prophecies



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2) The "spiritual" blessing  
consisting in "Popis-  
nus of sin" etc  
Iraiah ch. 40- Ch. 53 —  
You have the chekart,  
millennarian interpretation  
— and clear teachings  
of Leviticus. —

The O. T. Prophets distinguish  
between "Israel according  
to the flesh" and "Israel  
according to the Spirit". —  
That distinction has to  
not obscure. —

Pears, many immoral  
actions are not anti-Leviticus  
but they cannot encompass  
the actual behavior of "Leviticus".

Some of these are not at all  
"unfamiliar" now ---

They recall that the  
Jews lost their national  
existence for seven years -  
& they predict that their  
new State of Israel will  
not be a permanent  
arrangement.

They need not be prophets<sup>(4)</sup>  
- Your great prophets to  
whom you appeal  
hear them out.

- "They shall be wanderers  
among the nations" (4)  
Horeb 9, 17!

"Der ewig anderns jüdischen  
Zionismus" etc. will never  
change that - (National homelessness  
Luther) Luke 19, 41-44. -



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3) You yourself do not  
seem to feel safe  
about the political  
status of this new  
State of Trach. (p. 56. —  
p. 55 not discussed)

You refer to most  
baffling and confusing  
policy fluctuations —  
— regarding the creation  
of this new State of  
Trach —

Before long some  
strange thing may  
happen to the State of Trach —  
We must not fear the day  
before tomorrow!



The proposed flight of all  
refugees (not only Jews)  
is not in controversy & that  
is not the creme (4) of  
Zionism! — See Yan  
— our words quoted  
by Eden that p. 50 (4) —

By what right does  
Palestine belong to  
the Jews? — That power  
was for the time of the  
O.T. —

If Palestine belongs  
to the Jews — then  
U.S. belongs to the  
Indians — Perhaps  
so — probably (4) see I  
do not discuss that  
here —

By what right



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4) have me " U.S. 31

"By the right of  
conquest"!!

That's all - ethically  
a problematically (2)  
right? —

The Jews may have  
to fight — and how  
to keep

and  
control all of  
Palestine — ? —  
Right of conquest? —

I, too, read and  
re-read these two  
articles

with great interest. —  
"Zionists" have the  
reputations that  
they class all  
as "anti Semites"  
who disagree. — ? —

I am an historian  
and I have corresponded  
also with Jews. —

Sincerely Yours  
Professor William H. P.  
The Rainier College —  
St. Petersburg, Fla.

August 21, 1949

For Rabbi Silver:

The two articles on "Zionism and American Jews" in Reader's Digest (Sept.) are being read and discussed here with great interest.

The "objective" verdict of the "mutual" seems to be: Lilienthal shows more "Americanism" - is "realistic". (Silver advocates Utopia. Of course, people love Utopias - ? -)

At the end of your article - p. 58 - you indicate that this new State of Israel is only a small beginning, that far "greater" things will come - "day-dreaming"?... "The establishment of the Kingdom.... of our prophets and seers.."

You overlook the spiritual character of the Kingdom - as described by your (and my) great prophets..... "spiritual" in a far different sense from yours spiritual - p. 58. The devout, believing children of Abraham among themselves in the Old Testament did not give a temperate meaning to those prophecies.

2. The "spiritual blessings consisting in "forgiving men of sin", etc. - Isaiah, Ch. 40, Ch. 53 - . You have the interpretation against clear teachings of .

The Old Testament prophets distinguish between "Israel according to the flesh" and "Israel according to the spirit". That distinction you do not observe.

Please, many American citizens are not anti-Semitic, but they cannot endorse the actual behavior of "Zionists". Some of these are not at all "confounded" now - they recall that the Jews lost their national existence for 2,000 years and they that this new State of Israel will not be a permanent arrangement.

They need not be "prophets" - your great prophets to whom you appeal bear them out. "They shall be wanderers among the nations." \*Hosea 9, 17!

"Der Zionism etc. will never change that - (national homelessness ) Luke, 19, 41-44.

3. You yourself do not seem to feel "safe" about the political status of this new State of Israel (p. 56 - p. 55 "not yet secure"). You refer to "most baffling and contradictory fluctuations" - regarding the creation of this new State of Israel.

Before long some "strange" thing may happen to the State of Israel. We must not praise the day before evening! The pitiful plight of all refugees (not only Jews) is not in question and that is not the essence of "Zionism". See your own words quoted by Lilienthal - p. 50.!

By what right does Palestine belong to the Jews? That promise was for the time of the Old Testament. If Palestine belongs to the Jews, then U.S. belongs to the Indians - perhaps so - probably - I do not discuss that here.



By what right (4) have "we" U.S.? By the right of conflict? That's all -  
ethically a problematical right?

The Jews may have to fight - and have - to keep and all of Palestine.  
Right of conquest? I, too, read and re-read these two articles, with great  
interest. Zionists have the reputation that they call all as "anti-Semitic"  
who disagree ? I am an historian and I have correspondence also with Jews.

Sincerely yours,

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Aug 22, 1948.

Dear Dr. Silver,

I read your article in the Reader's Digest and am sending you this poem which I had ready to send to Rabbi Weis when news of his death came. I have been intensely interested in the new state of Israel, though we are not of Jewish descent.

I am a wheel chair person of long years and write many things. Sometimes I mail one to some one who might be interested. This I thought might be used by some one. For what it is worth, you may have it. If you can't use it, drop it in the waste basket.

Don't feel obligated even to acknowledge this. Your time is full - I have time on my hands.

Sincerely  
May M. Caldwell (Mrs C.C.)

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San Diego, Calif.

ISRAEL

Unto the world a state is born  
Which prophecy has marked,  
And hope is trembling in our breasts  
Oh Israel!  
From centuries of wilderness,  
Where cantor winds have chanted  
Mournful dirge of rights denied,  
And contumely;  
And loud-mouthed men in fog of ignorance  
Have beaten bushes for a whipping boy,  
A dream has lived and bloomed.  
It's seeds have scattered o'er the earth  
And now are being harvested for home  
In Israel.  
If nations old will give her time,  
In solidarity they only know  
In war travail,  
Mayhap she'll see that truth in beauty  
Once again will bloom in desert world  
And a just wind will fan anew  
The flickering flame of liberty;  
For to the world a state is born  
Which prophecy has marked,  
And hope is trembling in our breasts  
Oh Israel!

Inez M. Caldwell

*Inez M. Caldwell.*



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August 30, 1949

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
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Dear Rabbi Silver:-

I recently read your article in the current issue of The Readers Digest. I can not whole-heartedly agree with your view points and am wondering if you have let your Conscience be your guide.

I assure you that I am not against the new State of Israel which is being established. However, should we not let those already residing there create their own government and support it with their own funds? If we, as Americans, have any money to spare, I'm sure it could be put to good use here in our own country. In reality, who gave us the opportunities and advantages that enabled us to earn it? It is American money and merely lent to us as a medium of exchange.

I believe you stated that the majority of Jews still would live outside Israel. Why then, do the Zionists feel that the State of Israel is so essential to the Jews?



If the majority of Jews do not wish to live there, are not the efforts and also the blood which has been shed, all in vain?

If your heart is truly with Israel, why do you not go over there where your work toward its development and growth can be more efficient? When one is actually on the scene, many times we see situations in a much different light.

Do you consider the murdering of British soldiers an effective way of proving Israel's independence and progress? I am wondering if you are proud of these incidents? Perhaps there has been too much action and too little concentration on constructively building a nation.

Do you believe that you can be one hundred per cent American and also a Zionist? Do you contend that individual Americans should support other nations? If the need is great enough, do you not have faith in our kind hearted United States, who has helped so many weak nations?

If you have funds which you wish to use for the betterment of the Hebrews, why not start at home? Do you not admit that there are Jews in our own country that could live healthier and happier lives if they but had some financial assistance? Should we not start to fight Semitism at home first by aiding these indigent Jews so they can become better citizens and better representatives of the

Hebrew race. Semitism will never be abolished as long as Jews band themselves together as a separate group of Americans, working and spending U.S. dollars to found another nation.

I am not condemning the Zionist Movement as we have a right to <sup>our</sup> own ideals, but I do contend that each Jew should decide if he wants to be a Zionist or an American. If he chooses to be a Zionist then he should go to Israel and live with those whose interests are the same.

Perhaps Zionists feel they can gain more followers by remaining here. If so, are they not working against our government by persuading American Citizens to uphold and support a foreign nation? No individual can whole-heartedly support two nations and be good Citizens of both.

No one in this rapidly moving world has time enough to give our own national, state and local problems sufficient thought. It is our duty to study these problems thoroughly so that we may voice our opinions intelligently. If not, eventually one person or one group will start making all our decisions for us and we no longer will have a democracy. Is this not proof enough, that as an individual we have all we can do to cope with our own Nations problems alone. It requires intensive thought and study to even vote intelligently in this era of complex living.

Judaism is a religion and not a nationality. The Jewish Zionists have taken on the aspects of being a pro-Israel Group. If their major interests lie with Israel, then let all Zionists move to Israel where they will be appreciated. What does your conscience say?

Very truly yours,  
Mrs. Robert B. Hadsall

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MARTHA'S VINEYARD, MASS.

Sept. 3rd

Dear Rabbi Silvers;

I have just read your article in the September issue of the Reader's Digest and that of Mr. Lillienthal, both of which produced an abnormally strong reaction in me; so strong in fact that I felt it important to sit down and write to you immediately to congratulate you on the way you handled a question of vital importance to the Jews of America.

I have just returned home from fourteen months abroad, two and a half of which were spent in Israel. I went there in the hold of a D. P. ship and we took the last load of refugees from Cyprus. In Israel, I spent my first six weeks in the kibbutzim, about five different ones handpicked so that I



might see how the different settlements vary. The other month I spent in all the cities and I think that there is very little of the country over which I have not traveled. Naturally I could not help but be caught in the swift tide of nationalism which is the very breath of our new-born state.

While there, I kept a detailed day-to-day diary. Through the pages of this little book runs my personal uncertainty. I am a Jew. I am an American. I may not pledge allegiance to two flags. I may not sing two national anthems. I have lived in America for twenty-two years and have been entirely happy as a citizen of this great nation. On the other hand, I am a Jew, and although not a deeply religious one, certainly conscious of it's meaning. I know that six million of my people are dead; ruthlessly murdered. I have not merely a knowledge of their death; I saw with my own

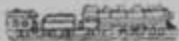


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MARTHA'S VINEYARD, MASS.

eyes the means of their destruction, and I have lived for many months with those who escaped death but live with shattered minds and shattered bodies. It is ergo not strange that I should feel interest in and responsibility for the State of Israel.

By the time that I returned to America, I had reached a decision; the very same one outlined in your article. I am very sure that I am far from the only American Jew who has tackled and wrestled with this problem.. It is one of personal identity and I think that it has crept into most of our lives. I am very hopeful that your article will be read by many other Jews grappling with this same problem because I feel certain that

your handling of this question will prove very helpful to them. I realize that they themselves must solve it, but logic and emotion so often take opposite roads.

I hope that I haven't bored you with so much explanation; believe me I am not one who indulges often in writing fan mail, but I did want <sup>you</sup> to feel that your case as presented is one hundred per cent success as far as I am concerned, and that you will undoubtedly have helped a great many people through it.

Yours sincerely

Carol morse

THESE DAYS

By George E. Sokolsky

Zionism

The Reader's Digest has published two articles on Zionism. The issue they raise is unrealistic and unrelated to anything. Many Americans have emotional attachments to countries in Europe and Asia which in no manner lessen their loyalty to the United States or their devotion to our institutions.

One of these articles in the Reader's Digest is written by Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, a man of distinction in this country, a leader among his co-religionists who, as an American, possessed the courage to be a Republican in Cleveland, Ohio, when that was about as popular as a pig in Palestine. (Maybe the metaphor is not so good in these modern times). He spoke for Zionism. In opposition is an article by one Alfred M. Lilienthal, who employs the hackneyed and wearisome device of writing a letter to "Dear Mother," which lowered the level of the discussion to close to zero. A first-class managing editor of a newspaper would have vetoed the device as unworthy of the intelligence of the readers.

The issue raised is: Can an American who is a Jew also be a Zionist and support the establishment and growth of the new state, Israel?

It is a silly issue, because an American who is not a Jew, who might be a Christian, a Moslem, a Buddhist or an atheist, can, if he chooses, support the establishment and growth of the new State, Israel. Why not an American who is a Jew? Furthermore, any American can, if he chooses, oppose such a new state, speak or write against it. The same is true about an independent Indonesia, about a free India, about Nationalist or Communist China, about Tito's Yugoslavia or anything else.

When Mr. Lilienthal says, "Israel's flag is not mine," one can only say, "Excellent! But who cares?" China's flag is not mine, but I am for Nationalist China. Tito's flag is not mine, and I dislike his Marxism, but I prefer a Tito Yugoslavia to a Stalin Yugoslavia. Finland's flag is not mine, but I like fellows who pay their debts and stand firm. Lots of flags are not mine because I have only one flag, but I admire many nations for many different reasons.

Dean Acheson, our Secretary of State, had a British father and a Canadian mother and his manner is naturally British. He is a member of the Episcopal Church, which stems from the Anglican--but we do not measure his services as Secretary of State by such yardsticks. If we did, no one of even remote alien ancestry could be loyal to, devoted to, absorbed into the United States. The idea is fatuous.

After wars, new states come into existence. After World War I, a large number of new states came into existence. Many Americans were proud to know that the folk back where their ancestors originated were doing well. Not all Finns were for an independent Finland; some regarded themselves as of Russian or even Swedish origin, but most of them were proud of the new Finland which was the only country that did not default on its debt payment. Some of them even sent money back home.

It goes much deeper than that. For instance, I lived in China for a great many years. I liked the country and its people. I also like the Japanese among whom I spent much time. I felt very bad when Japan and China got to fighting and worse when Japan and the United States went to war. And I have a misery over the present plight of China. In a word, emotionally, through residence and affection, those countries mean something special to me. I find that to be true among all my friends and acquaintances from out there. It is a natural, warm, human reaction, like the way Miss Anne Morgan felt about France.

It is infantile to assume that after 2,000 years of failure, Jews of any nationality would not be proud of the achievements of those who are establishing Israel. They have done a creditable work. Does that lessen any one's Americanism? Not by an iota, any more than it lowered the Americanism of Woodrow Wilson to be pleased with what Professor Masaryk did for Czechoslovakia.



September 8, 1949

Miss Carol Morse  
Menemsha  
Martha's Vineyard, Mass.

My dear Miss Morse:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter of September 3rd. I deeply appreciate your writing me, and I am gratified by your sentiments.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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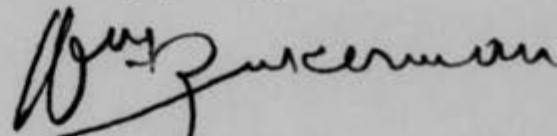
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Dr. Rabba Hillel Silver.  
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Dear Rabbi Silver,

The leading article of this week's Jewish Newsletter deals with your article in Readers' Digest. I trust that the views expressed will interest you. We would greatly appreciate any comment that you may care to make for publication or for private information.

very sincerely yours,



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## FACTS AND COMMENTS

### Zionism and Nationalism

The average Zionist is very sensitive about the question of double loyalty. The fanatic becomes furious when the subject is merely mentioned: the more tolerant person tries to evade it. But none can escape it. The spectre of double loyalty doggedly follows Zionism like a shadow. Even the rise of the State of Israel has not eliminated it. On the contrary, ever since the emergence of Israel the subject has not left the columns of the Jewish press and now it has come up also in the pages of Readers' Digest, the most widely-read American magazine with two interesting articles by Mr. Alfred Lillienthal and Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, which cast an interesting light not only on the subject matter, but also on the state of mind of American Zionists on the question at the present moment.

Significantly, Dr. Silver bases his entire case for undivided loyalty of the American Zionist on the historical fact that Jews have always been, and as he puts it, "always will in the days to come, continue to live outside Israel." He briefly peruses the history of the Jewish people and shows that even before the second destruction of the Jewish State, six hundred years B.C., five and a half million Jews lived outside Palestine, while only two and a half million lived in the Jewish State. "No one country can contain the whole Jewish nation," he continues, "by reason of its populousness; on which account they frequent all the countries of Europe and Asia...but accounting those regions in which they have been born and brought up as THEIR COUNTRY...If history is any guide, the Jews of today will, by and large, maintain the same attitude towards the State of Israel as their forefathers did. Theirs will be a most sympathetic spiritual relationship towards it. They will help it to absorb as many Jews as wish to go there or may have to go there... but the Jews of Israel will be Israeli citizens and the Jews of the United States will be citizens of USA, and similarly in other lands."

This is an almost classical statement of the old American conception of Zionism advocated by most great American Zionists from Justice Brandeis to Dr. Emanuel Neumann, former President of the ZOA, who stated the same principle in his program at the Zionist Convention of 1948 at Pittsburgh. But it so happened that the very week Dr. Silver's article appeared in Readers' Digest, David Ben-Gurion, Premier of Israel, delivered a speech in Tel-Aviv to a delegation of American Zionists who came to pay homage to him and to Israel. In that speech Mr. Ben-Gurion said:

"Although we realized our dream of establishing a Jewish State, we are still at the beginning. Today there are only 900,000 Jews in Israel, while the greater part of the Jewish people is still abroad. Our next step will not be easier than the creation of the Jewish State. IT CONSISTS IN BRINGING ALL THE JEWS TO ISRAEL. We appeal chiefly to the youth of the United States and other countries to help us achieve this big mission. We appeal to the parents to help us bring their children here. Even if they decline to help, we will bring the youth to Israel..."



Now, it is obvious that these two definitions of Zionism by two leading Zionists made public the same week, are in direct contradiction and invoke two different fundamental principles, ideologies and ways of life, although both go under the name of Zionism. Dr. Silver's conception is based on the American humanitarian principle of helping Jews in other countries who have no home of their own and need help in establishing one. He is quite right in saying that such a philanthropic aim and task can in no way interfere with one's loyalty to America. Ben-Gurion's Zionism is a European nationalistic ideology which claims that Jews are one and indivisible people no matter where they live and that Israel is their real home. All other homes are just temporary inns where they remain as guests and aliens until they are 'redeemed' from the 'Galut' (exile). It is natural therefore that one of the chief aims of this type of nationalism is to repatriate the exiled children of Israel from their dispersion. Ben-Gurion's call to American Jewish parents to send their children to settle in Israel, is quite in line with this fundamental nationalistic principle. The two distinct types of Zionism have never been more clearly stated.

The significance of Dr. Silver's article in Readers' Digest consists in the fact that he, the outstanding leader of American Zionism, came out definitely, clearly and unequivocally for the American philanthropic Zionism and has by implication repudiated the European concept of nationalism, at least as far as American Zionism is concerned. For what Dr. Silver says in essence in his article is that the American Zionist is a friend of Israel who wants to help the new State to become a happy home for other Jews who have no home of their own. Such a Zionist certainly can be a most loyal American. Every liberal-minded non-Zionist Jew, even Mr. Lillienthal himself and the American Council for Judaism, would subscribe to that. Their quarrel has always been with the nationalistic Zionist, not with the humanitarian philanthropist. Dr. Silver has made an important move in the non-nationalistic direction, apart from making a considerable contribution to the clarification of the generation-old question of double loyalty.

#### The Two Heirs of Zionism

Dr. Silver's definition of Zionism in terms of non-nationalism has another, still greater significance. For the two concepts of nationalistic and non-nationalistic Zionism are not limited to Ben Gurion and Dr. Silver as individuals; nor are they divided territorially between Israel and America. Both concepts have existed and still exist in the Zionist movements the world over, including this country. American Zionism, started as a humanitarian relief movement fifty years ago, gradually became, under the stress of Polish anti-Semitism, of German Nazism and of the rise of general nationalism all over Europe heavily mixed with the nationalistic brew. In this country too, the two trends have run side by side for many years and have been fighting for domination of the movement. The truth must be told that until recently the nationalistic Zionist, (or 'Tzionisten') as they called themselves in distinction from the others were in a decided majority. Even now nationalism is still strongly entrenched in official and unofficial quarters of the Zionist movement and nationalistic fanaticism runs high, as illustrated for instance, by the fact that a popular Zionist publication, (the National Jewish Post) has come out with a call for a Holy War on the American Council for Judaism because one of its members has stated the non-nationalistic side of the question in the Readers' Digest debate.

But there are many indications of late that the nationalistic wave is beginning to recede and American Zionism is returning to its old position so ably stated by Dr. Silver. The one event most responsible for the change is curiously enough, the rise of the State of Israel. For with the establishment of that State tremendous changes have been going on not only in Israel, but also among American Jews and Zionists; changes not only of a political and organizational character, but also of a psychological and ideological nature. New ideas, new orientations and new radical readjustments are taking place in the Zionist movement as a whole, and still more in the minds and hearts of many sincere individual Zionists who do not wait for the party to tell them how to think. It is a period of transition and revaluation. For Zionism is dead. It died a natural death by accomplishing its purpose and realizing its aim. But it has left two twin heirs to take its place. One is the State of Israel which, with all that can be said against it, is a new and positive factor in Jewish life and history and deserves all the help that can be given it. The second is a bumptious Jewish



nationalism which, like all young and successful nationalisms, is aggressive, expansionist and seeks to extend its sphere of influence outside its own frontiers. Israel's only sphere of influence for the time being, at least, is the Galut--the Jews living outside Israel. And this is now seeks to penetrate, control, dominate, spiritually even more than financially.

It is this new nationalism, invigorated by a first-class victory, not the State of Israel, that represents a danger to American and other Jews. Should it succeed in its aim, it can demoralize American Jewry within one generation and undermine its political position even more than was the case with British Jewry. Spiritually it can convert American Jewry into a 'colony', or worse yet, into a satellite which takes orders and lives merely for the sake of its ideological parent. Fortunately events of the past twelve months have supplied enough proof that American Jews, even Zionists, are too independent to be satellites. Dr. Silver's and Neumann's stand last Summer when they resigned from the Jewish Agency rather than take orders from Tel-Aviv, was one such proof. The second is the present article in Readers' Digest. Both are outstanding signs that the nationalistic tide which has been rising for years in the American Zionist movement, has passed its peak and is now receding. American Zionists stand at the crossroads. They have to make a fateful choice for generations to come: Will they choose the road of liberal American philanthropic aid and friendship for Israel, as Dr. Silver outlined? Or will they follow the road of European nationalism typified by Ben-Gurion? The choice seems to be America.

William Zukerman

#### THE WEEK IN REVIEW

##### From Lausanne to Lake Success

The final act of the drama of peace in the Middle East is now being transferred from the sessions of the Palestine Conciliation Commission at Lausanne to the UN Assembly at Lake Success. This also means that the negotiations are passing from the old-fashioned European professional diplomats to a new type of American shirt-sleeve diplomat who believes in action more than in words. For Lausanne has proved to be a definite failure, as the resignations of Mr. Ethridge and Mr. Paul Porter have shown. By appointing Mr. Gordon Clapp, the head of the TVA and one of the few New Dealers left in important positions, President Truman has indicated that a new approach will be made to the problem of peace in Palestine. The approach, according to advance reports, will be primarily economic, and rather reconstructive than political. Instead of talking about exact numbers of refugees and exact frontiers, a number of big economic projects will be undertaken particularly in the field of irrigation and reclamation of the desert areas, which will provide the facilities for the refugees and will also determine their numbers. Whether this will prove more successful than the methods used at Lausanne, no one can tell now. But any change seems to be better than the futile secret diplomacy which has been going on for six months in Switzerland without bringing the slightest results.

##### Antisemitic Undertones at Peekskill

There were decided antisemitic undertones in the Peekskill incidents at the first and second demonstrations against the concert of Paul Robeson. The demonstrations were ostensibly purely anti-Communist. Some Jewish war veterans even participated in the first demonstration as a unit. But eye-witnesses and participants alike related that there were many cases of antisemitic slogans, insults, and even physical attacks on Jews. This was particularly true during the second week when the demonstrators displayed placards such as "Communism is Treason. Behind Communism stands the Jew. Therefore, for My Country and Against the Jew." If to this is added the fact that Jews were most of the victims among the 150 wounded in the second riot, the antisemitic character of the entire manifestation is beyond a doubt. The simple fact which arises from the whole of that ugly business is that what was supposed to have been a purely political anti-Communist demonstration quickly and easily degenerated into a Ku-Klux Klan affair with all the paraphernalia of burning of crosses, anti-Negro and anti-Jewish slogans and acts. Even non-



Communist Jewish leaders underscored the antisemitic aspects of the event. Mr. Arthur Aronson, New York Commander of the Jewish War Veterans and Mr. Ben Kaufman, the National Commander of the War Veterans, and Rabbi Irving Miller of the American Jewish Congress stressed the "violence and racial and religious abuses manifested at Peekskill." Those who have seen Fascism in Europe are not surprised at this. Theoretically there may be no reason why anti-Communism cannot be distinct from antisemitism, but in practice they always come together. This was true all over Europe and seems to be true here too. Those Jewish leaders who counselled the Jewish War Veterans not to participate in such demonstrations in the future, at least not as a group, are quite correct.

#### IN BRIEF

Chief Rabbi of Poland, Rabbi David Kahane categorically denied reports published in American newspapers of alleged pogroms on Jews in Poland. Such reports were not true and "can bring nothing but harm," he said. The statement was made officially at a two-day conference of Jewish religious organizations in Poland held last week....

The tendency of Jewish leaders to leave their posts in the countries of dispersion and to settle in Israel, was criticised sharply by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Acting President of World Jewish Congress at its Executive Committee's session in Paris. Goldmann also complained that there were too many Jewish organizations dealing with international Jewish problems which have no right to speak for Jewish communities they purported to defend....

There are now 14 million Jews in the world, according to the latest edition of the Encyclopaedia Britannica for 1949 just published. Soviet Russia has 5½ million Jews; United States over 5 millions; Israel, one million; Britain 400,000; France 300,000; the rest are scattered the world over. Except for the figure of Jews in Soviet Russia, Britannica's figures agree with those of the American Jewish Year Book....

Protests against Israeli government's trading with Germany were heard in the Tel-Aviv newspaper Haaertz and in the Knesseth. The occasion was the announcement that the Tel-Aviv government has ordered prefabricated houses from Willy Messerschmidt....

Antisemitism has declined in England since the acute political issue over Palestine has been removed, stated Mr. William Frankel, British representative of the American Jewish Committee who was on a visit here....

The prestige of Socialism in Europe and in the world has been immeasurably harmed by the fact that two Socialists, Mr. Samuel Silkin and Mr. Podget, both members of the British Labor party, are defending Field Marshall Mannstein, one of the worst Nazi war criminals, stated a message of the Jewish Labor "Fund" to the British Labor Party....

#### A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

In your review of my "Book of Blasphemies," (in your Jewish News Letter--Vol. III, No.2.) you made several very regrettable misrepresentations of my views. For instance you say:

"Mr. Koenig claims that the Jews (or to be more exact the Hebrews) were the spiritual fathers of the Nazi philosophy. The theory of the "Chosen Race" was invented by the Jews and made the basis of Judaism." I made no such claim in this book--or elsewhere--for the main reason that I am not a great believer in so-called original national cultures and philosophies. They are all derivative and evolutionary stages and developments of precedent cultures and religions. What I do say in my book is that all peoples and races, ancient and modern, consider themselves as God's chosen; cultures, philosophies or for that matter "national ways of life" are not "invented," but are developments and inter-assimilated.

I do--to take another instance--say in my book that the terrible destruction of a million lives is primarily and essentially a tragedy of mankind. Men have committed these terrible crimes! This is the problem for Jew and non-Jew alike; and we Jews are men and possess all the potentialities of human beings. But when you imply that I said that "the difference between a Jew committing a Nazi-like act and a non-Jew committing the same act is that the Jew performs the act with a prayer and makes a religious ritual of it"--I must disclaim such an implication. What I do say in my book is that we tolerate and cling to some obsolete primitive customs and rituals, such as schechita, because we lack the more rational and realistic national forms which are necessary for the survival of the people.

Leo Koeng

September 12, 1949

Mr. William Zukerman  
Jewish Newsletter  
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My dear Mr. Zukerman:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your Jewish Newsletter which contains comments on my article in the Reader's Digest. I am afraid that you have read into my article things which are not there, and for purposes of over-simplification, I am sure, omitted certain vital matter that are there. I can only suggest that you and others who are interested read the article with an eye for what is actually there and not for what you would like to find there.

Since you are interested in the subject, may I suggest that you read my address, "Liberal Judaism and Israel", which I delivered before the Biennial Assembly of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in Boston in November 1948 and which is re-printed in my recent book, "Vision and Victory". There my position is elaborated more fully, and the short article in the Reader's Digest is based in part upon this.

I have never been a "philanthropic" Zionist; I am not now. My Zionism was always "political" motivated by the ideal of reconstituting the national political center of the Jewish people in its ancestral home. And now that this political objective has been achieved, I can only repeat what I stated in that address: "We shall remain one people, one historic community, as of old. But the Jews of Israel will be Israeli citizens and the Jews of the United States will be citizens of the United States, and similarly with Jews in other lands.

"They will owe undivided allegiance to their respective countries and they will discharge loyally their full duties as citizens, as Jews have always done. But they will retain a special attachment to the land of Israel which will in no way interfere with their duties and obligations as citizens of their respective countries."

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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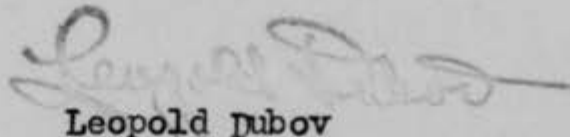
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Dear Dr. Silver:

Something tells me that you may like to see the enclosed copy of  
my letter to Readers' Digest. It tells its own story—in more ways  
than one.

With cordial holiday greetings, I am,

Sincerely yours,

  
Leopold Dubov  
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(Methought this morning, that I was about to have a quiet peaceful time of it: looking after this and that bit of long, unfinished business. For I had earlier promised myself, actually made a vow, that I wouldn't write a single syllable in this issue. For, I said to myself, I said—what's the use of having an assistant, if you don't let him assist you by doing all the work! (that is if you can call editing the J.B.R., one of the most delightful of pastimes ever invented—by so curious a misnomer.)

Virgil once complained to a friend—I mean Virgil the Roman poet, and not Virgil Thompson the music critic—"I cannot sleep these nights for the pressure of unwritten poetry." By remote and humble analogy, I could hardly sleep last night after reading in the current number of Readers' Digest, "Zionism and the American Jews." My principal sleep disturber was Alfred M. Lilienthal. He it was, who carelessly "rushed in" to tell all the world that "the flag of Israel is not mine."

I tried to dismiss him from my mind. I tried to turn to other matters. But I just couldn't. There he was, this likable young American "of the Jewish faith" writing for millions of readers in an international magazine and writing such awful undiluted bilge: presuming to discuss an historic world problem he doesn't even begin to understand...I knew I couldn't possibly expect to sleep for many nights to come; unless I had written to thank the editors of Readers' Digest for giving so much space to this vitally important discussion. And, at the same time, have a few, well-chosen words with Mr. Lilienthal. Whereupon, I cleared the decks of all distracting clutter, promptly picked up my pen, and sadly penned the following:

The Editors  
Reader's Digest  
Pleasantville, New York

Gentlemen:

Please accept my sincere thanks for giving such generous space in your September issue for a discussion of "Zionism and American Jews."

"To tell you the truth" as the silly vernacular has it, I've more reason to be grateful to you for it than any other of your American Jewish readers. This is why. It is my privilege to speak for the readers, both Jewish and Christian, of the Jewish Braille Review. Most of them on both sides of the Atlantic gratefully read the braille edition of your magazine. It is on their behalf, therefore, that I am impelled to write you both my commendation and my profound regrets. My commendation, that you wisely chose Rabbi Silver to state the case for Zionism. My regrets, that Alfred M. Lilienthal somehow managed to get in his "Dear Mother" little piece on the other side of the controversy.

Now mind you, there is nothing wrong whatever in a dutiful son bring<sup>ing</sup> his hurts and perplexities to his mother—hurts and perplexities of every kind. That is touching. It's beautiful. It's really a pretty literary device, but sadly out of place here. But even though, Mrs. Lilienthal may be the best mother in all the world, how could she possibly untangle the tortuous skein of Jewish and world history of the past 2,000 years. How could she honestly tell him—quoting chapter and verse—of the how and whys of Zionism. Even I couldn't do that for him. Come to think of it, he didn't give her a chance. He did

all the talking: and what utter nonsense he did talk.

To be sure there is another side to the story. There must be. Personally, I believe it is the wrong side. It is the side of those timid "Americans of the Jewish faith," who "protest too much"; who want to make absolutely sure that they are never mistaken by their non-Jewish fellow-Americans for "foreigners"; that they are never accused of dual loyalties; that they are not told to go back where they came from—2,000 years ago. The flag of Israel means nothing to them. Oh, dear no. Judaism is a faith, dear mother. True enough," she might well add, "dear son. But it's so much more. If only you would inform yourself on what else it is—besides a "race" and a "nationality"—you wouldn't then write like that. You would then know many, many other things you don't yet know. You would then understand what Edith Cavell meant when she said, "patriotism is not enough"...Unless it is patriotism plus—for humanity, for the world. You would then also understand what Samuel Johnson meant when he wrote, "patriotism is the refuge for scoundrels." Those very scoundrels of the American and British variety who taunt their Jewish countrymen with dual loyalties. How could you be taken in by that, Mr. Lilienthal. High-minded Americans and Englishmen are not in the least impressed by these ravings. These ravers belong to the lunatic fringe of our two countries. If only we don't play into their hands, if only we would refrain from quoting their distortions of news, and out-of-context slanders, they would eventually disappear—even as a lunatic fringe.

One thing more needs to be said. Has to be said, since you yourself brought up the entirely irrelevant matter of the deplorable killings of the Irgun and Stern gangs. Let me assure you that, de-



spite the Ben Hecht stupidities, there was no joy in the hearts of the killers themselves. Jews, as you ought to know, do not readily murder—not even their own murderers. History has proved this throughout many centuries of massacre and oppression. Didn't you know, Mr. Lilienthal that our people were the first in all time to proclaim to mankind the divine edict, "Thou shalt not kill!" And, as no other people ever did have our brethren, through all the ages observed this sacred admonition of Mt. Sinai. So that, it seems to me, Mr. Prosecuting Attorney, even if you thought it wise to dissociate yourself from the defendants—in absentia—why couldn't you in all fairness, in all decency, like a good sportsman, tell the jury—explain to the court—under what inhuman provocation the killings in Palestine were perpetrated. These were desperate men. They had been many times betrayed by the British of Downing Street and Palestine. The fiery breath of Hitler's crematories were still on the back of their necks. Their bodies were scarred and branded. Literally. Their souls were seared with sights far too horrible for you and me to tell, or even to understand. But today, the evidence is all in, indubitably authenticated.

To remind you, this is what our Palestinian "gangsters" saw before their very eyes in Naziland. They didn't just hear or read about the atrocities, as you and I have done. They saw their loved ones, mothers, wives, brothers, sisters, sweethearts, raped and unspeakably despoiled. They saw their aged parents: fathers and mothers, thrown like coal, like refuse into the blazing furnace. They saw their mothers as dear to them as yours is to you, perish in unbelievable cruelty. And if you this will help you to understand, "but for the grace of God" and but for a lucky earlier immigration into America your own mother might well have been one <sup>were victim of Nazism</sup> ~~of the victims of Israel~~—and you, a polite onlooker patiently waiting for your "next".



And remember when these fleeing victims from the hell called "festung Europa", having endured en route such tortures as no human being ought ever to be called on to endure—came at last to what they believed was their last hope and refuge—to Palestine—what did they find there. They found British soldiers, barring their way ready and willing to dispute their entrance into their cherished homeland. They were bludgeoned into unconsciousness. They were driven back into the sea. They were sent to concentration camps only a little more refined than the Nazi model.

Well, Sir, what would you expect these Jewish desperadoes to do then. What would you have done? How would you have treated the invader? The invader, armed with the invincible might of modern military machines—definitely intent on crushing the very life out of you and your unhappy brethren.

Again it is all in the record. This handful of self-dedicated terrorists did their bit to persuade the "enemy" to go home and their attend to their own much-neglected private business. You don't, Mr. Lilienthal, have to condone or to crow over the Palestine killings. But, as a lawyer, trying a case in fairness, you ought at least to understand, and tell the court fearlessly what really happened; speaking the truth, the whole truth and nothing but....

Oh, yes. I started out to say that there must be another side to Zionism and the American Jews. But you, Mr. Lilienthal did nothing to clear the issue for our Americans of "the Christian faith." Sad to relate, you are simply not qualified for the task. Far better than telling your woes to your mother, you should have written to Rabbi Lazarun of the American Council of Judaism. He, at least, has made a life-time study of what can plausibly be said against Zionism by an enlightened, self-respecting, American Jew. As much as it hurts me to say so, Dr. Lazarun would have been a worthier opponent for

Rabbi Silver. Whereas you, dear friend, are so sadly inadequate that you merely add your own mite of confusion to the general befuddlement. You don't have to be a Jew, you don't have to be a rabid Zionist, to understand how far short you fall from upholding the case of the American Jew against Zionism. Without challenging your knowledge of Jewish and world history, without quarreling with your uncritical jumble of the many facets of the Jewish question, any half thoughtful reader skimming the concluding paragraph of your article can see at a glance where the shoe painfull pinches--you and your fellow-Americans "of the Jewish faith." It is not a pleasant self-revelation, my dear Sir, I assure you.

To refresh your mind: "all too many Christians have supported Zionism because they felt, that Jews having been persecuted, should now have what they want--whether it is good or bad for them."... (Mr. Lilienthal strongly believes it's bad for "them". And there's an end on't!)... "But Christian sympathy for Jews should be measured not in terms of support for Jewish nationalism in distant Israel,... (further pontificates Mr. Lilienthal)... "but in accepting us as friends, neighbors and first-class citizens of this our country..." That is true, liberal Christianity. It is also good Judaism, (blasphemes our friend) that fine old faith which you taught me as a little child."

Be it finally interpreted: "accept us as friends, neighbors and first-class citizens of this our country"... Don't bother your weak little heads about distant Israel. It might confuse you dear fellow-Americans. It might confuse you so much that you would mistake us all for those queer, impossible, eternally misbehaved Jews... Come to think of it, Mr. Chamberlain told Brittania that Csechoslovakia was a distant country somewhere on the other side of nowhere. Then, came "le delégue". Don't you ever read the papers, Mr. Lilienthal? Didn't

your mother ever tell you that there are no distant countries today—anywhere in the world. There never were!...

To sum it all up, "there are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio Lillienthal, than are dreamt of in your philosophy" about Jews, Judaism, liberal Christianity, Americanism or even Zionism. Believe me there are.

Leopold Dubov

Editor, The Jewish Braille Review

A personal postscript please, Mr. Lillienthal: in the ~~present~~ strictest confidence and just between you and me—let me assure you that you have definitely proved to yourself and to all who are interested that the flag of Israel is not yours. Fine! You have every right to feel that way: tell it to your family, and to all your best friends. But why, oh why scream about it? Why shout it from the very house-tops of all America! The Klu Klux Klan will never believe you. Neither will the 100% "native" Americans. And certainly, the linc-eyed old dears of the American Revolution will turn up their aristocratic noses, and merely stare at you in doubt and derision. Whereas, the many millions of the true sons of America never doubted the unswerving loyalty of American Jews to their country and to their country's loftiest ideals. In peace and in war the evidence is inerradicably in the record. You know that, don't you?

Well, then, what's all this fuss and fury about? Why the American Council for Judaism? What kind of Judaism are they counseling for?....

And as to liberal Christianity, how much do you really know about it. To little, I'm sorry to say. Because if you did, you would know that, spiritually and Christianly speaking, liberal Christianity has long ago and with fervor accepted the flag of Israel. That's what



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II Esdras 14:25.

Dear Dr. Sivler:

Sorry to bother you so soon again. But I'm one of those luck-  
less inexperienced writers who always think of brighter things to say  
after they are all through. When that happens, I do my best to  
get in my very last word--somehow. It is because of this that  
my printers always complain of headaches. Poor things.

What I am driving at is this: Will you be good enough to sub-  
stitute the enclosed postscript to my letter to Readers' Digest.  
The one I sent you yesterday. After it was gone I felt that I  
simply had to have a confidential word with the American Council  
for Judaism.

Sincerely yours,

Leopold Dubov  
Executive vice-president

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Is it per chance, of the "safety first" variety. Pathetically, tragically wasted labor, I say. There just "ain't" no such animal. Judaism, is, inescapably—in time and place—the most dangerous way of life ever invented. No camouflage can avail—be it ever so <sup>cunning</sup> canny. It's been tried: again and again. It failed miserably. Always. See the book of life, called history. No baptism ever cleansed—ever washed

away the priceless eternal stigma...which proves to me that Judaism is definitely, for you and for me--whether we deserve it or not-- our divinely ordained mission to humanity. I "counsel" you therefore, let's try to deserve it. Then, if we try hard enough, you and I may yet become the real, the true patriots of America and of all mankind-- according to the sublime teachings of the timeless prophets of Israel. Who could ask for a more glorious, nobler heritage than this. And now, let's come back to liberal Christianity.

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# JEWISH NEWSLETTER

A WEEKLY NEWS REVIEW  
FOR INDEPENDENT THINKING ON JEWISH PROBLEMS

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Sept. 17th, 1949

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Dear Dr. Silver,

Thank you for your letter of the 12th and for your comment on my article. I am sorry to have misinterpreted your views, for I thought that they were admirably stated and were crystal clear in their meaning.

The fact is that I was not alone in my interpretation of your article, for as you will see from our Jewish Newsletter of this week and from the clipping from the Morning Journal which I enclose here, other people holding contradictory views to my own, have interpreted it in the same way as I did, with the only difference that I sincerely applauded you, while those people express disappointment.

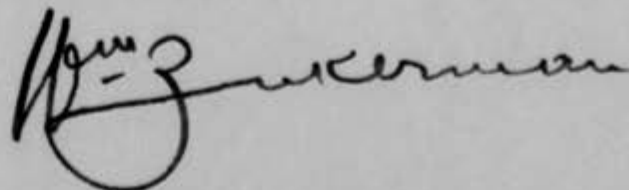
Perhaps, the word 'philanthropic' is not the right term to describe what I meant. (Although for the life of me, I do not understand what is wrong with philanthropy? We, Jews, used to be proud of it. What else have we done in the last generation that is better and bigger than our philanthropy?), but the term 'political' Zionist NOW, after the establishment of the Jewish State, seems to me to be just as inaccurate.

I shall be glad to read your book, Liberal Judaism and Israel, but may I point out that I was under the impression that your article in Readers' Digest was written after that book and that it was an expression of the new period, after the rise of Israel. After all, that revolutionary event could have and should have changed minds, attitudes and manners of approach to Jewish problems.

However, I do not mean to debate this question with you here. I merely want to tell you that I am sorry that I was mistaken, but that the fault seems to be not entirely my own.

May I wish you a very Happy New Year and the traditional L'Shono Tivo Tikoseivu.

yours very sincerely













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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

As you may have noticed, there has been a great deal of debate in the Yiddish and Anglo-Jewish press over the precise definition of your Zionism, the whole matter being an outgrowth of your reply to Alfred Lilienthal's piece in the September Reader's Digest.

While all these various "authorities" have been struggling --with the hysterical vehemence which seems to be the main attribute of Jewish discussion of issues-- to define your Zionism, the elementary thought has occurred to us that no doubt you are the best qualified person to deal with the matter.

We would be very happy to obtain a statement from you dealing with the issues raised in recent weeks involving your name and views. We are prepared to guarantee you any space you wish and to handle any material you might send us in precisely the form you would want it publicized.

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Mr. Ben Gallob, Managing Editor  
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My dear Mr. Gallob:

Thank you for your letter of September 26th in which you request a statement from me "dealing with the issues raised in recent weeks involving your name and views" (on Zionism), "the whole matter being an outgrowth of your reply to Alfred Lilienthal's piece in the September Reader's Digest". I have really nothing to add to what I stated in the Reader's Digest and what I previously stated more fully in the address on "Liberal Judaism and Israel" which I delivered in November 1948 before the Assembly of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations held in Boston, and which has since been reprinted in my volume, "Vision and Victory". Those who are interested in my views should read these articles with an eye for what is actually there and not for what they would like to find there.

My Zionism has always been "political". It was always motivated by the ideal of reconstituting the national political center of the Jewish people in its ancestral home. And now that this political objective has been achieved, I can only repeat the definition of my position as stated in my Boston address: "We shall remain one people, one historic community, as of old. But the Jews of Israel will be Israeli citizens and the Jews of the United States will be citizens of the United States, and similarly with Jews in other lands. They will owe undivided allegiance to their respective countries and they will discharge loyally their full duties as citizens, as Jews have always done. But they will retain a special attachment to the land of Israel which will in no way interfere with their duties and obligations as citizens of their respective countries."

Incidentally, my article in the September Reader's Digest was not "a reply to Alfred Lilienthal's piece in the September Reader's Digest". I did not see Mr. Lilienthal's piece before it appeared in the September Reader's Digest. I was requested to write a brief article answering the general type of criticism which one most often hears against Zionism in a two-article symposium which the Reader's Digest planned to publish on the controversial issue of Zionism in America, one pro and one con. I addressed my article to the four major strictures which one most often hears against Zionism since the establishment of the State of Israel: (1) That the Zionist movement should immediately dissolve now that the State has been established; (2) that Zionists

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are continuing to act as an unpatriotic pressure group on the State Department in behalf of Israel; (3) that continued interest in the State of Israel on the part of American Jews implicates them in dual allegiance; and (4), that Judaism is a religion and, therefore, Zionism being "political" and "nationalistic", is hostile to the spirit of Judaism.

Within the short compass of 2,000 words allotted to me, I endeavored to answer these criticisms without heat and excessive polemics.

Very sincerely yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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The Jewish Post  
P.O. Box 1633  
Indianapolis, Indiana

C O P Y

THE READER'S DIGEST

William Hard \* Roving Editor

Pleasantville, N. J.

October 12, 1949

Dear Billie:

On inquiry I find that we did not get very many letters about the discussion between Lillienthal and Rabbi Silver. In fact we got surprisingly few. Some 25 letters criticizing Lillienthal. A half dozen or so came criticizing Silver. Some 40 letters came from members of the American Council for Judaism, who, naturally, applauded Lillienthal or else applauded us for presenting both sides of the picture.

Aside from letters, there have been quite a few comments in the Jewish press. Some of them were very bitter in their criticism of Lillienthal.

I hope that this information meets your needs.

Every good wish.

Yours faithfully,

/s/ Bill  
William Hard

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Dear Rabbi Silver -

No doubt many others have written to you in praise of the forthright and brilliant statement of Zionist aims that you published recently in the Readers' Digest. In my opinion, it is alone the best and certainly the most concise presentation of our point of view that I've seen in print this many years.

My purpose in writing is not only to bestow encomiums on a task well done but to ask where I might obtain reprints to distribute to my congregation. In several weeks I'm embarking on a vast educational project - as you can see from the enclosed announcement - and I should like to use your article as source material.

Sincerely yours,  
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Dear Dr. Silver:-

In returning your copy of the September Readers Digest, let me thank you for your kindness in lending it to me. I made good use of it my address before the Yeungstown Zionist District.

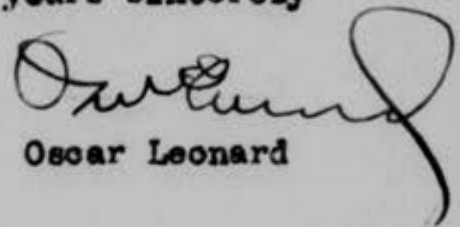
While returning the magazine I take the occasion to send you a copy of the current issue of Jewish Bookland which you may have missed and which will probably interest you.

I should very much like to drop in some time with my copy of your "Vision and Victory" for your autograph, if you will indicate when it would suit you to do so.

You know of course I am here in connection with the JNF effort and while helping in Cleveland am visiting nearby communities.

With all good wishes, I remain,

yours sincerely



Oscar Leonard

October 18, 1949

Rabbi Harry Essrig  
Congregation Emanuel  
Ransom Ave. & Fountain St.  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

My dear Friend:

Permit me to acknowledge your kind letter of October 12th. I am deeply grateful to you for your sentiments.

With regards to reprints of the article, I would suggest that you communicate directly with the Readers' Digest and perhaps they can furnish you with some. I do not have any in my possession.

Thank you for sending me the program of your adult education project. I am sure that it will be of much interest to your community.

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## American Jewry in Stage of Ferment

By AMERICANUS  
A JCF FEATURE

A discussion is now going on in the Jewish press which is more than anything else symptomatic of the state of mind of American Jewry in the present period of transition and reorientation following the establishment of the State of Israel. The discussion began with two articles in the "Reader's Digest" on the question of dual allegiance as it is seen now in the light of the emergence of the new State.

Alfred Lilienthal, a prominent Washington lawyer, stated the case of the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism, and Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver stated the Zionist case. Neither of the writers advanced anything new to the generation-old debate, but Rabbi Silver's article attracted immediate attention by the interpretation which he gave of the new task of American Zionists in the post-Israel period and by the accent which he placed on the humanitarian rather than the nationalistic aspect of future Zionist work. According to Dr. Silver, Jews have been throughout their history a people dispersed in many countries and they would remain so after the emergence of Israel. American Jews will remain Americans legally, spiritually and in every sense of the word. The task of American Zionists, now that the State is here, is to help it become established economically, politically and spiritually, but not to blend with it. American Jews and Israelis are and will remain distinct entities.

This perfectly rational view, which, incidentally, was also the official view of the convention of the Zionist Organization of America at Pittsburgh last year, when Dr. Neumann was elected president, did not, however, meet with the general approval of the rank and file of the Zionist movement. Voices were immediately heard both in the Yiddish and English Jewish press protesting against the watering-down of Zionism by Dr. Silver and against his reduction of Zionism to the position of a "philanthropic" movement rather than a nationalistic one. The Yiddish "Morning Journal" and "Der Tog," both following an extreme

nationalistic line, pointed out that Dr. Silver had obviously gone back on his earlier militant position and that he was now leaning towards the older American attitude of helping other homeless Jews to build a home for themselves in Israel, rather than make Israel a home for all Jews including American.

Several English-Jewish pro-Zionist publications of the former "militant" type have taken the same view as that of the Yiddish nationalists, namely that so-called "philanthropic" Zionism is not enough today, as it was not enough before the establishment of Israel, and that American Jews must help Israel not only with money, political influence and moral encouragement, but they and their children must start moving to Israel and be-

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# LACK OF COVERAGE IMPERILS COMBINED APPEAL

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KEY FIGURES AT SECOND REPORT DINNER attended by an overflow gathering of Combined Jewish Appeal workers were, left to right: Laurence M. Singal, chairman of the Business Men's Council; Judge Jennie Lottman Barron, who was the guest speaker and delivered one of the most eloquent pleas on behalf of Israel heard in this community; and Norman Rabb, who presided.

## NEW PERSECUTION WAVE AGAINST THE JEWS IN IRAQ

LONDON (JTA)—The Israel legation here issued a statement this week declaring that the "Government of Israel has received grave and disquieting reports of a new wave of persecution against Jews in Iraq."

The statement says that the reports tell of "numerous arrests and torture of those who were detained for the purpose of eliciting names of other Jews who may have assisted in the escape of a few persons who succeeded in leaving Iraq and reaching Israel."

The departure of these Jews, the legation statement adds, "was motivated by their desire to take part in the building of Israel as well as by the terrifying feeling of insecurity under which Jews live and have been living in Iraq during the past few years." The statement added: "The situation is regarded as of the utmost gravity and great anxiety is felt for the helpless minority" of Jews in Iraq.

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## Israel at the UN Opposes the Little Assembly

LAKE SUCCESS (ISI)—The continued existence of the Interim Committee was questioned by Dr. Jacob Robinson, Israel delegate, in a statement to the Ad Hoc Political Committee of the United Nations.

Reviewing the work of the Little Assembly, Dr. Robinson pointed out that it had met but four times in 1949 and that much of its time was spent debating the metaphysical question of its own existence.

Expectations had not been realized and apprehensions had not been confirmed. Recalling that some adherents had expected the Interim Committee to serve as a whip for the Security Council, Dr. Robinson said: "Using the Interim Committee to control the Security Council is like keeping a miniature pet dog to threaten a lion."

He pointed out that the Committee is the one UN organ in which a group of members does not participate.

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The 1949 Combined Jewish Appeal of Greater Boston campaign is headed for failure because too many volunteers in the trade divisions are neglecting their soliciting jobs, General Chairman Irving Usen warned last night at the second report dinner in the Hotel Somerset.

An emergency meeting of all trade, industry and professional workers will be held on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in the Parker House to chart a course of action to save the greatest drive in the history of the community.

"The situation is far from hopeless," declared Milton Kahn, president of the Associated Jewish Philanthropies and one of the most expert solicitors in the community. "However, to avoid a catastrophe we will require the most intensive work by every volunteer in the campaign. The job can be done if we will it."

Blame, for the perilous plight of the Combined Jewish Appeal was placed squarely on the shoulders of the vast majority of the trade team captains and workers who have failed to hold fund raising meetings and to cover cards.

As a result of this inactivity only 1,950 of the 13,000 cards in the trade divisions have been covered.

"If these unseen prospects are solicited immediately," Chairman Usen declared, "we can stem the tide and save the campaign because it has been proven to date that the givers in this community are ready to give and give generously once they are called upon."

He pointed to the unprecedented achievements in the early stages of the drive as an example. "The advance big gifts meeting," he said, "exceeded all expectations and has served as an inspiration to contribute."

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## WORLD WIRES

### ASSIMILATION IN POLAND

LONDON (JTA)—A dispatch from Warsaw to the London Times this week predicted that tremendous emigration of Polish Jews to Israel would hasten the assimilation of those remaining, who were hitherto restrained by the strong influence of the departing Orthodox Jews. Those remaining, chiefly Communists, it was stated, will "ultimately disappear in the melting pot of the Socialist-Polish society," thus resulting in a complete disappearance of Polish Jewry.

### \$100,000,000 TO DATE FOR UJA

TEL AVIV (JTA)—The United Jewish Appeal has already raised \$100,000,000 since January 1, it was announced here by the twelve-man UJA "Crisis Mission" on arrival from America for a conference on the urgent economic situation facing Israel. Henry Monitor heads the delegation.

### ELATH MEETS NEHRU

WASHINGTON (JTA)—Ambassador Eliahu Elath of Israel held a private conversation with Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, who is now visiting the U.S. Mr. Elath declined to comment on the nature of the talk which lasted one hour and 15 minutes.

### ARAB SCHOOLS TO OPEN

TEL AVIV (ISI)—Local authorities of towns and villages inhabited by Arabs in Israel are to open elementary schools to provide eight years of free

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## UN Is Hope for Peace



"UN Day," commemorating the fourth anniversary of the birth of the United Nations, will be observed throughout the United States and in other member countries all over the world next Monday, October 24.

Millions of people have heard of, or have themselves experienced, the concrete accomplishments of the UN in the social and economic fields. Far fewer realize that, in spite of political difficulties, the UN has actually "either stopped or prevented wars involving 500,000,000 people," as Secretary-General Trygve Lie stated in his fourth annual report on the work of this world parliament of nations.

Mapped above are five areas which have been kept under continuous UN observations: (1) the Balkans, (2) Palestine, (3) Kashmir, (4) Indonesia and (5) Korea.

The UN represents man's hope for world peace.

## Dever Proclaims Week for Stress Of Civil Rights

Calling upon the citizens of the Commonwealth to fulfill the high obligation of implementing the rights highlighted by President Truman's Civil Rights Committee Report made two years ago, Governor Paul A. Dever has proclaimed October 23-29 as Civil Rights Week in Massachusetts. The Governor's Proclamation calls upon community leaders in industry, education, religion and every walk of life to participate in the observance.

In proclaiming Civil Rights Week, the Governor praised the citizens of Massachusetts for their consistent and courageous leadership in the advancement of civil rights and pointed out

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## Cost of Living Has Tremendous Drop in Israel

TEL AVIV (ISI)—The cost of living in Israel has been slashed 37 points in the first five months of Israel's austerity program. The drop in the price index from 321 in May to 284 in October included a 22 per cent reduction in food prices and saved 7 pounds a month for a family of four.

Since the general aim was a 25 per cent reduction within two years, the country can be proud of the results of the first five months, Dr. Dov Joseph, Minister of Supply and Rationing, said, in announcing the price cuts.

The second stage of the Government's program, the stepping

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## To College Youth: What Future in Professions?

By WALTER DUCKAT

NEW YORK (OJ)—Our colleges are bursting at the seams with about 2,500,000 students. According to figures of the B'nai B'rith Vocational Service Bureau about nine per cent, or approximately 200,000 of them are Jews.

What is the job outlook for these millions now enrolled and the additional youngsters in high school who have set their hearts upon professional careers? What are the prospects of our Jewish youth who have long looked towards the professions for their career?

Studies show that our colleges and universities will need to train about 300,000 persons a year for professional and executive occupations in the next decade. This would mean about 50 per cent more than were graduated in 1940. However, the proportion of our young people who enter college has increased to such proportions as to raise grave doubts as to the capacity of our present economy to absorb them. And the end is not

yet in sight.

As an over-all picture, it is the consensus that by 1960 we shall be producing college graduates far in excess of the combined needs of the professions and the administrative occupations which have been traditionally the vocational objectives of college graduates. However, there

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## Ferment

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come chutzim, as did the Polish and Russian Zionists between the two world wars.

It so happened that simultaneously with the publication in the United States of Dr. Silver's article, Mr. Ben-Gurion, the Israeli Prime Minister, delivered a speech to an American delegation of the Histadrut in which he stated a view of post-Israel Zionism diametrically opposed to that of Dr. Silver.

Mr. Ben-Gurion appealed to American Jews in rather sharp and stern language to start sending their children to Israel on a large scale and added: "We appeal to the parents to help us bring their children here, but if they decline to help us, we will bring the youth to Israel anyway."

The wording and the timing of the speech were, as is now generally admitted, rather unfortunate and it naturally evoked a storm of protest even in the Zionist ranks. Such conservative official Zionists as Dr. S. Margoshes, who is an official spokesman for the present ZOA Administration, publicly rebuked Mr. Ben-Gurion. He said in "Der Tog": "The 5,000,000 Jews in the United States will remain in the United States. The same is true of the Jewish children in the United States. When David Ben-Gurion talks big about bringing American Jewish youth to Israel, regardless of their parents, he is greatly over-estimating his power of persuasion. . . . Whatever the final result, Mr. Ben-Gurion has meanwhile succeeded in aggravating the difficulties which Zionists and good friends of Israel have had to struggle against for some time in the United States."

Similar expressions of dissatisfaction have appeared also in a number of English-Jewish publications. It is clear that American Zionism has now reached a crucial point and has to make a radical decision which will determine its course for years to come. American Zionism began fifty years ago as an American liberal and humanitarian relief movement for Palestine. Its greatest achievements were the Hadassah movement, the aid to the Histadrut and Labor Zionist collectives and later its part in raising the huge sums of the United Jewish Appeal.

During the late twenties and early thirties, the movement, under the pressure of Polish anti-Semitism, mass-immigration of Polish Jews to the United States and the rise of Hitlerism, became heavily diluted with East European nationalism which advanced the theory that Israel was the prospective home, not only of Jews the world over, but also of Jews the world over, including American. The same fate awaited all Jews wherever they were and all must follow the footsteps of Polish and German Jewries and move to Palestine. The period of "militancy," which followed during and immediately after the war, was a natural political reflection of the same nationalistic trend and left the impression that American "militant" Zionism was of the same

## UOJC to Launch Lecture Series

The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations will initiate a program of synagogue activities Monday, October 24, in the social hall of Congregation Adath Jeshurun, when Rabbi Simon L. Jekstein, spiritual leader of Congregation Tifereth Israel of Winthrop, will speak on "The Techniques for Enhancing the Orthodox Synagogue Services."

Dr. Benjamin E. Bahn is president of the UOJC of Massachusetts and Rabbi Jekstein is the chairman of the Rabbinic Advisory Committee for the Union's activity.

## Liebmans Lodge-Chapter To Give Children's Show

The Dr. Joshua Loth Liebman Lodge and Chapter, B'nai B'rith, Newton, met at Temple Emanuel October 18, and announced a children's show to be presented by Helen Dennison at the Boston Latin School November 6, at 2:30. The show will include musical themes and the enactment of fairy stories.

Committees of arrangements are headed by David Lavien, of the Lodge, and Mrs. Harold Kalitz and Mrs. Ralph Freeman, of the Chapter.

Ticket chairman is Mrs. Ralph Freeman of Newton.

fabric as European nationalism. The emergence of Israel has evidently caused a new ferment which is now crystallizing into a new policy of American Zionism. The policy is not yet definitely set, for it is still in the process of formation. But it is already obvious that it will not be the out-and-out nationalism which dominated American Zionism during the last two decades. American Zionism is now undergoing a radical change. The period of extreme nationalism is passing; so is the period of "militancy." The tide is receding from Europe and from European influences and ideologies and is flowing in the direction of native American thought and way of life. Nor is this limited to the Zionist movement only; it embraces the whole of American Jewry. It is probably the biggest thing that has happened to American Jewry since the end of the war and when it is completed in a few years, American Jewry will emerge entirely changed.

Dr. Silver's article is only one indication of the coming change. The debate which has followed it is even more significant. The changes in relief trends from Israel and Europe to local American needs is a still greater indication of the same tendency. The fight which is now going on between the American Zionists and Israel leaders, which can no longer be hidden from the public, is a third indication. In short, the ferment started by the emergence of Israel as a State is spreading and growing in strength and intensity. In some places, such as the Zionist movement, it is reaching boiling point, but it is spreading also to the rest of American Jewry.

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**THEATRE DIVISION REACHES 50% of quota at initial gifts meeting on behalf of the Combined Jewish Appeal as result of tireless efforts of Chairman Larry Laskey (left) shown with Nathan Yaminis who presided; Sy Fabin, national leader in the industry who spoke of the critical need for funds in Israel; and Herman Rifkin and Arthur Lockwood, devoted co-workers in the \$12,000,000 campaign.**

## NEW ENGLAND ZIONIST YOUTH COMMISSION ACTIVITIES

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Eli A. Cohen, chairman of the New England Commission, has urged cooperation and assistance to Young Judea, Junior Hadassah, Masada and IZFA from local leaders who are asked to help Young Judea club leaders start their activities, supervise their program content, register their clubs immediately with the New England Zionist Youth Commission at Zionist House, and to plan leadership training courses with the assistance of the New England director, Saul Richman.

### Masada

The regular membership meeting of the Brookline-Brighton-Newton Masada will take place Sunday evening, October 23, at the Brookline Jewish Community Center at 8, featuring Israel movies and a social hour. Leonard Katz, president, will report on plans for the season's activities. Discussion will center on "My Problem as a Jew in America" led by Irwin Leibov.

### Youth Sing

The first Youth "Sing" will take place Saturday night, October 22, at Zionist House at 8, continuing for the third consecutive year under the direction of Cantor Jacob Hohenemser, of Providence.

### Brandeis Camp Institute Alumni Association

A Brandeis Camp Institute Alumni Association has been organized comprising all Brandeis Camp Institute graduates in this area. All former BCIs are invited to attend an Oneg Shabbat on October 28 at the home of Bernice Barres, 34 Langdon street, Newton, at 8 p.m.

### Young Judea Notes

A group of Young Judeans, led by Carol Sanford, sang and danced at Temple Emeth, South Brookline, on October 11. Other members of the group were Sandra Starr, Miriam Dector and Elaine Brody.

The following chairmen of activities have been named for the Daughters of Zion Senior Judea of Dorchester by Carol Goldberg, president: program, Myra Shapiro, Phyllis Goldberg, and Betty Fischer; charities, Grace Diamond, Judith Gerber and Ruth Marcus; current events, Myra Shraier; athletics, Marilyn Freeman, Helen Feld and Ruth Torf; social events, Carol Barman, Barbara Kosofsky, and Nancy Rubin; tickets, Myra Shraier and Ann Goldfarb; telephone squad, Marilyn Freeman and Elaine Rosenthal; and Council representatives, Miriam Pearl, Phyllis Goldberg, Carol Barman and Judith Gerber.

Saul Richman will visit the YZ clubs of Burlington and Rutland, Vt., and the Zionist youth commissions of these cities on October 24 and 25 to discuss an expanded organizational and educational program for these groups.

### Leadership Training Courses

A series of leadership training courses will be conducted in the Lawrence - Lowell - Haverhill area, the first session scheduled on October 24 with Si Friedman, Youth Commission assistant director, guest lecturer.

### Junior Hadassah News

The Cambridge Junior Hadassah has adopted 10-year-old Jacob, as its Meier Shifayah.

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charge, it was announced by Shirley Kramer, president, at the board of directors' meeting on October 19 at the home of Arlene Martin. The Unit will raise funds for the maintenance and support of this child at the Village in Israel. The new constitution was presented by Beatrice Gelsinger, chairman.

Brookline - Brighton - Newton Unit is planning a dance Saturday night, October 22, at the Hotel Kenmore, with the music of Gene Dennis. A membership tea will take place Sunday afternoon, October 23, at the Brookline Academy of Music and Arts at 2, featuring as guest speaker, Mrs. Carl Spector, a National Hadassah member, and entertainer, Marilyn Trombley, soprano. Marion Gexner, president, will preside.

The first meeting of the newly-formed Henrietta Sold Unit of Milton-Hyde Park Mattapan will take place Friday, October 21, at 2:30. Program features include greetings by Ida Kabin; installation of officers by Mrs. Abraham Woolf; graduation ceremony for both Alpha Senior Judeans into the Unit; and singing led by Ruth Rosen, vice-president. Guest speaker will be Si Friedman, Youth Commission assistant director. Louise Findling will launch the Unit's first fund-raising affair: Adele Markowitz will summarize the season's activities; and Lieba Hirtys welcome new members. Gladys Rubin will be installed as president.

Plans for the annual Mid-Winter Conference and Program Institute of the New England Junior Hadassah Region will be outlined at the meeting of the Executive Committee on October 24 at Zionist House at 7:30. Evelyn Blonder, Regional resident, will report on New England Unit activities, and final arrangements completed for the Conference on November 6 at the Lafayette Hotel, Boston. Edythe Pekin is Conference chairman.

New officers of the Lynn Unit include Adele Feingold, president; Gerry Fishbane, vice-president; Roberta Goldberg, recording secretary; Sandra Harris, corresponding secretary; and Beatrice Weinschel, treasurer. Senior Hadassah Advisors are Mrs. F. Castleman and Mrs. Judith Weil.

## Rights

(Continued from Front Page) that millions in other lands look to this country, not only for economic cooperation, but also as the source of abiding respect for human dignity.

In support of the Governor's Proclamation, a group of leading civic organizations are planning an extensive commemoration of the second anniversary of the Civil Rights Report. These groups are headed by a committee consisting of Michael T. Keller, of the Massachusetts Committee Catholics, Protestants and Jews; H. D. Hochkinson, chairman of the Greater Boston FEPC Council; F. Frank Vorenberg, president of the Greater Boston Community Council; former U. S. Representative Thomas Eliot; and Attorney John Saltonstall.

In Boston, Mayor James M. Curley issued a public statement calling attention to the second anniversary of the Civil Rights Report. Mayor Curley stated: "The maintenance and safeguarding of the rights of all citizens are highly important. They are guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States. They must never be lost sight of if we are to survive as a free nation."

## YI Day School Board Postpones Meeting Date

The Young Israel Day School board announces that the first meeting of the Day School P-TA scheduled for Thursday, October 20, has been postponed to Monday, October 24, at 8, and will be held at the Young Israel Center.

Mrs. H. Meiselman of Dorchester will be the guest speaker.

## Austria

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entire population voted for the extremist policies of the Union. The Union's Parliamentary representatives will be led by Dr. Herbert Stueber, all of whom were formerly members of the Nazi Party. Kraus and Reimann were joint editors of the anti-Semitic "Alpenlandischer Alpenfreund," which was recently suspended by the Allied Control Council for infringing the ban on the circulation of Nazi and pan-Germanic ideas.

While it is unlikely that this new Nazi group will be invited to form a coalition with either of the major parties—the Catholic People's Party (77 seats) and the Socialists (67 seats)—rumors are prevalent here that the Socialists have made such an approach. Although leaning toward the Catholics, Kraus is said to be opposed to joining any coalition not including the Socialists.

The new Parliament will, in normal circumstances, sit for four years and will presumably lay the foundations of post-occupation Austria following the withdrawal of the Allied troops. The strong representation of former Nazis in this Parliament is, therefore, a matter of great concern to Austria's 12,000 Jews. One of the first moves of the new Parliament is expected to be the abolition of the racial laws, an act which all parties in their election campaigns claimed was long overdue.

The obvious danger of the presence of a powerful neo-Nazi group in the new Parliament has already been remarked upon by the British High Commissioner in Austria, Lieut. General Sir Alexander Galloway, who is certainly in a position to know the real and potential menace of the Nazi revival. In a statement made here after the elections he said that the Union of Independents might obtain too much power if the two main parties were equally balanced on any major issue. The Left Bloc, composed mainly of Communists and Extreme Left-wing elements, obtained only five of the 165 Parliamentary seats.

## Habruta to Launch Season With Tea-Dance

On October 23, at 2:30 p.m., Habruta, of Temple Kehillath Israel will open its season with a dance featuring the music of Gene Dennis, his Berkshire Country Club orchestra, and with Joey Masters at the piano. The chapter hall of the Temple will be the site of the affair.

## Cambridge Hadassah

Mrs. Abraham Ring, membership chairman of Cambridge Hadassah, will speak over station WFAO Friday, October 21, at 1:30 p.m. on the subject of membership in Hadassah. The chapter will entertain all new, life and paid-up members at a tea Monday afternoon, October 24.

## Glazer Family Circle

The Glazer Family Circle met in the Monaco Room at the Hotel Lenox on October 16, with chairman Al Spector greeting the gathering. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Cohen, with the assistance of hostess Fan Rosenthal.

## Emeth Young Couples Open Meeting Saturday

The Young Couples Club of Temple Emeth will have an open meeting Saturday evening, October 22, at 8:30, in the South Brookline Community Center. Highlight of the evening will be a get-acquainted membership dance.

## Lynn B and P Hadassah

Final plans have been completed for the annual membership tea of the Lynn Business and Professional Group of Hadassah to be held at the Jewish Community Center, Lynn, Sunday afternoon, October 23, at 2:30. Guest speaker will be Miss Etta Brust, Regional vice-president of the B and P groups.

## Joins Science Project

Elliot Z. Block, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Block, of Brighton, left Saturday for Richmond, Washington, after being tendered several farewell parties in honor of his appointment as a physicist and scientist on the Hannon project. He is a graduate of Worcester Polytechnic Institute and specializes in spectroscopy.



**EMPLOYEES DIVISION CAPTAIN** solicits a pledge for the 1949 campaign of the Combined Jewish Appeal from a worker in the Cosmopolitan Rainwater Company. Gertrude Weisblatt, captain (right) discusses the pledge with contributor Frances Hillson, an employee at Cosmopolitan. The Employees Division, under the chairmanship of George Lief, has recorded general increases in giving over last year.

## JWV Notes

The Business and Professional Men's Post and Ladies' Auxiliary visited Waltham Hospital, October 5.

The Lt. Carl Stein Post No. 187 and its Ladies' Auxiliary will hold its annual hospital fund benefit in the form of an Armistice Eve Mardi Gras Thursday evening, November 10, at the Hebrew Community Center.

Chairmen are: Mrs. Betty Saval and Edward Schultz, general chairmen; Mrs. Rose Ziff and Jack Barz, tickets; Mrs. Bessie Goldman, refreshments; Mrs. Gwen Bouges, publicity; and Mrs. Eileen Shapiro, decorations.

Proceeds are for the veterans hospital services.

## Gruzen Associates Meet

The Gruzen Associates met Sunday, October 16, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Weinstein in Waban. Newly-elected officers are: Bernard Weinstein, president; Mrs. Maurice Kikstein, treasurer; and Leonard Shrago, secretary. The November meeting will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Shrago of Cambridge.

## Iraq

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sources said this week that the three-member team of experts attached to the UN Economic Survey Group—which arrived here this week and was immediately received by David Hordowitz, director-general of the Finance Ministry, for the first of a series of economic conversations affecting Israel—will discuss with Israeli authorities an offer by the Iraqi Government to exchange 100,000 Iraqi Jews for a similar number of Arab refugees. The experts team is headed by Dillon S. Myer, of the United States. According to unofficial quarters, the British member of the Economic Survey Group—Sir Desmond Morton—favors the principle of population exchange and may in the future use his influence to modify Iraq's present terms for such a population transfer.

From Paris it is also reported that the French Foreign Office has approached the International Court of Justice in behalf of foreign nationals—chiefly Zionists—now interned in Egypt. A Foreign Office spokesman told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that this action was taken following diplomatic conversations conducted between France and Egypt. He added that it is hoped further action through the Court of Justice will not be necessary.

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It is our intention to publish a detailed report of all our proceedings, including the sermons and the discussions. For this purpose we shall use a recording machine and the services of a professional secretary. A special committee will be appointed to edit and put into final shape the complete record of our deliberations. The publication will sell at a nominal cost.

Each member of the congregation is urged to return the enclosed post card, in order that we might have some idea of the response we may expect. Bear in mind that Temple Emanuel is launching a project never tried before on such a scale and that the eyes of other congregations will be watching us. May we then count on your full-hearted support!

It may appear that we are trying to crowd in too much intellectual activity within a short space of time. Remember however that the project can be carried out successfully only through an intensive study period. It is certainly worth trying and we trust that all of us will be able to learn from our mistakes.



## FRIDAY NIGHT SERIES

November 4.....WE AND THE UNIVERSE  
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Jewish Education in the Doldrums

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What's Wrong With Our Community Structure?

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The Price of Integration

January 6.....THE JEW AS MYTH  
How to Fight the Stereotypes of Prejudice

January 13.....AMERICA WAS PROMISED  
Our Historical Background

January 20.....ON THE SIDELINES OF SOCIAL CHANGE  
Are You Happy About the Status Quo?

January 27.....SHALL WE JOIN THE DINOSAUR?  
The Case for Survival

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### THE CONGREGATION TALKS BACK

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November 4      November 18      December 2      January 6      January 20

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### SIP AND CHAT

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November 9      November 23      December 7      January 11      January 25

## WANTED: NEW EDUCATIONAL TECHNIQUES

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**R**ABBI HARRY ESSRIG told 300 rabbis gathered at the sixtieth annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, that they must exploit "the new and more challenging techniques" of congregational forums, group discussions, panels and symposia immediately after religious services. Unless this is evolved, he asserted, "we will fail in developing good lay leadership, in helping our congregations to arrive at democratic decisions and in guiding people toward making their own personal discoveries of religious truths."

The development of such new techniques, he maintained, would result in liberation "from our complete dependence upon pulpit oratory. We might come to have a broader view of the rabbi's function, not as an ecclesiastic monopolizing the keys to salvation or a religious functionary convenient to have around, but we would come to see the rabbi as a creative thinker who helps mold a community of individuals in their way of thinking and living."

"Our congregations must become people-centered and not pulpit-centered. They must be vast educational enterprises in which the behavior of people will be conditioned in the total process of modern living, where they will receive a coherent spiritual outlook, a sense of direction, a philosophy of life, a feeling of belonging and an impetus to further our ideals in social action."

New York Times, June 27, 1949.

## Helen Keller on the Jewish Braille Review.

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September 12, 1949

Mr. William Zukerman  
Jewish Newsletter  
880 West 181st Street  
New York 33, New York

My dear Mr. Zukerman:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your Jewish Newsletter which contains comments on my article in the Reader's Digest. I am afraid that you have read into my article things which are not there, and for purposes of over-simplification, I am sure, omitted certain vital matter that are there. I can only suggest that you and others who are interested read the article with an eye for what is actually there and not for what you would like to find there.

Since you are interested in the subject, may I suggest that you read my address, "Liberal Judaism and Israel", which I delivered before the Biennial Assembly of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in Boston in November 1948 and which is re-printed in my recent book, "Vision and Victory". There my position is elaborated more fully, and the short article in the Reader's Digest is based in part upon this.

I have never been a "philanthropic" Zionist; I am not now. My Zionism was always "political" motivated by the ideal of reconstituting the national political center of the Jewish people in its ancestral home. And now that this political objective has been achieved, I can only repeat what I stated in that address: "We shall remain one people, one historic community, as of old. But the Jews of Israel will be Israeli citizens and the Jews of the United States will be citizens of the United States, and similarly with Jews in other lands.

"They will owe undivided allegiance to their respective countries and they will discharge loyally their full duties as citizens, as Jews have always done. But they will retain a special attachment to the land of Israel which will in no way interfere with their duties and obligations as citizens of their respective countries."

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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