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Russia, passport, 1919.

May 19th, 1919

Hon. Newton D. Baker,  
Secretary of War,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Secretary Baker,

You will pardon me if I again intrude upon your time. You will recall that I wrote to you some time ago, with reference to my possible going to Russia this summer. In your reply you were kind enough to suggest that I should write to you again some time later, stating that you would be in a better position to inform me about the possibility and the advisability of such an undertaking.

As the time of my vacation approaches, I am quite eager to learn from you concerning these things.

I am indeed very grateful to you for your courtesy in interesting yourself in this matter.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

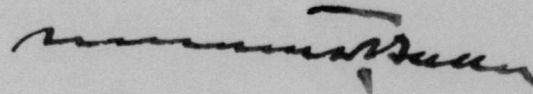
WAR DEPARTMENT,  
WASHINGTON.

May 22, 1919.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I have just received your letter of May nineteenth. I went at once to the office of the Secretary of State and he tells me that no passports of any kind are now issued for travel in Russia. Apparently some of the Americans in Russia at this time are being placed in embarrassing restraint and no additional Americans are permitted to go there with the consent of the Government. I am afraid, therefore, that it will be impossible for you to have the vacation opportunity of study which you desire.

Cordially yours,



Newton D. Baker  
Secretary of War.

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

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May 30th, 1919

Hon. Louis D. Brandeis,  
Chief Justice, Supreme Court,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Justice Brandeis,

I understand that you are contemplating a visit to Palestine during the coming months, and that a group of interested men will accompany you.

I have been thinking for some time of visiting Palestine myself, and I am wondering whether I could join your group.

Would you advise me to go at this time and do you think that I could be of some service to the cause?

Have you definitely set the date of your departure? I would be very happy to hear from you.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

STONELEIGH COURT  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 2/13

My Dear Rabbi Simeon.

I am glad to know that you  
have in mind visiting Palestine.

My own trip has been necessarily  
postponed; and it seems improbable  
that any early date will be set, and  
possibly, that the trip will not be  
made this summer.

I understand that Mr. Harry Kaplan  
of Cleveland has secured passage for  
date this month.

When you are next in Wash. D. C. I  
trust you will give me the pleasure of calling.  
Cordially, Simeon Simeon