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December 10, 1941

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

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The Order Sons of Zion is observing its Thirty-fourth annual "Order Day" at the Hotel Astor, New York City on March 15th, 1942. As in the past seven years, our annual event is dedicated entirely to the Jewish National Fund. This year in observance of the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the Keren Kayemeth L'Israel, it is our aim to raise \$40,000 for a Shechunah near Jerusalem. The decision for this undertaking was made at the last Convention upon the cabled suggestion of the late M. M. Ussishkin.

In addition to the great cause to which our function is dedicated, we will have the pleasure and privilege of celebrating the sixty-eighth birthday of the great leader of American Jewry and Zionism, Dr. Stephen S. Wise. The decision to celebrate Dr. Wise's birthday was, of course, taken after consultation with and consent by him. His gracious approval of our plans was prompted by his recognition of the great services that our Order has rendered and is rendering to the Zionist movement and Palestine, as well as its important place in American Jewish life.

I realize that your duties and responsibilities are many and weighty. However, in view of the cause which animates us all and the great personality of our guest of honor, I take the liberty of asking you to permit the use of your name as an honorary chairman of our National Order Day Committee, to accept our invitation to be our guest and address the gathering of fifteen hundred men and women who will be present on the occasion, and to send us a message in time for publication in the journal to be issued in commemoration of the event.

May I hope for an early and favorable response?

With Zion's greetings, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Grandmaster

HONORARY MEMBERS

Louis Lipsky
Rev. Zvi H. Masliansky
Dr. Stephen S. Wise

HG:RSB

December 22, 1941

Mr. Harry Grayer, Grandmaster
Order Sons of Zion
220 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Grayer:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of December 10. Of course you may use my name as an honorary chairman of your National Order Day Committee.

I wish I were free to attend the affair which you are planning for March 15, especially since it is in celebration of Dr. Wise's birthday. But I find it impossible to get away from Cleveland on a Sunday. I must be in my own pulpit on that day and there are always numerous congregational duties which necessitate my attendance.

With all good wishes for success, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK