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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Will you kindly favor me with a brief statement on what you consider the major problems, organizational and political, that will confront the forthcoming Z. O. A. Convention in Cincinnati?

I shall appreciate such a statement from you for publication in the press in conjunction with our Convention releases.

I have submitted similar requests to other members of the Z. O. A. Administration.

Sincerely yours,

E. Barberash,
Director, Publicity Dept.

EB:MP

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

I have a twofold purpose in sending you this note.

In the first place, to heartily thank you for seeing to it that such marked progress was made by the Cleveland Zionist Society in its ZO^A membership. I am deeply grateful to you for all you did to make possible the gratifying results attained.

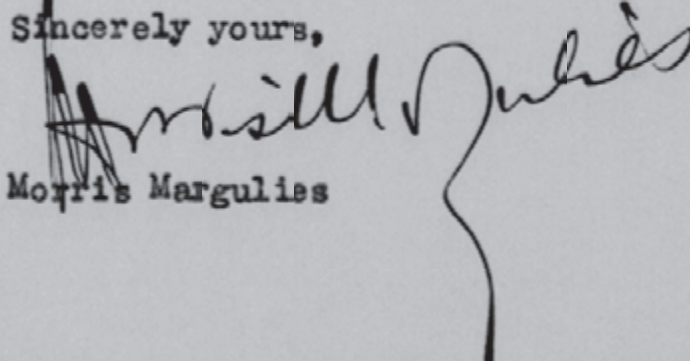
Secondly, to advise you that an additional extension of time -- up to the end of July -- has been arranged for the recording here of current membership secured. In other words, all membership received by the end of July will be recorded in the membership report to be submitted to the forthcoming Convention.

Moreover, delegates to the Cincinnati Convention can be elected on the basis of the membership secured and reported to the headquarters up to the end of July.

I earnestly hope that good use will be made of this extension by you and all those interested in membership activity.

With best wishes for a pleasant summer and looking forward to seeing you in Cincinnati, I am

Sincerely yours,


Morris Margulies

MM:BR

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July 17, 1941

AIR MAIL

Dr. Robert Hillel Silver,
The Temple—Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

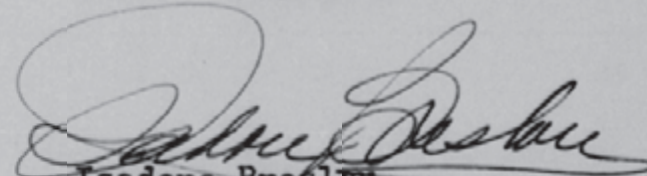
In my letter to you of May 8th, paragraph III reads as follows:

"Enclosed is a copy of the Constitution. On pages 8 and 9, you will find the provisions relative to the election of members to the Administrative Council. According to these provisions, your District is entitled to 1 representative on the Council. The final determination of the number, however, cannot be made until we have your complete membership record on June 30th. If the National membership shows an increase, which is quite likely, there will have to be in some instances a slight readjustment. I would suggest that you proceed with the election of your representative to the Council."

I have not yet received a reply to this communication. Will you kindly send me as soon as possible the name of your newly elected representative to the Administrative Council in conformity with the above instructions.

With best wishes for a pleasant summer, I am

Cordially yours,


Isadore Breslau

Enc.
IB:GS

Copy to Dr. F. M. Falkman
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

May I be favored with a reply to my letter of June 30th soliciting a statement from you on what you consider to be the most vital problems that will confront the forthcoming Z. O. A. Convention in Cincinnati.

I know that the Jewish reading public throughout the country would be interested in such a statement.

Sincerely yours,

E. Barbarash,
Director, Publicity Dept.

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Dear Dr. Silver:

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RABBI ISADORE BRESLAU
Executive Director

The Cincinnati Zionist District which will act as host to our forthcoming Convention, will publish a special Souvenir Journal for the occasion. Plans are under way to make the Journal an elaborate undertaking, reflective of the significance of the Convention.

The Journal will contain articles and messages of greeting from outstanding Jewish and non-Jewish figures in all walks of life. I shall, therefore, be grateful if you will kindly send me, for inclusion in the Journal, such a message which may deal with any subject you deem of interest at the present moment.

In view of the fact that the Souvenir Journal will go to press on August 25th, may I ask you to let me have the message within the next ten days.

With kindest personal regards and Zion's Greetings,

Sincerely yours,

Isadore Breslau

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August 14, 1941

Rabbi Isadore Breslau
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Washington, D.C.

My dear Rabbi Breslau:

In answer to your letter of
July 17 permit me to state that the representative
of the Cleveland Zionist Society on the Administrative
Council of the ZOA for the year 1941-42 will be
Dr. F. M. Falkman, 14128 Superior Road.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ARS:BK

August 18, 1941.

Rabbi Isadore Breslau,
Executive Director,
Zionist Organization of America,
1720 - 16th St. N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Rabbi Breslau:

I am enclosing herewith a brief
message for the Souvenir Journal which the Cincinnati
Zionist District is publishing in connection with the
forthcoming Convention of the Z.O.A.

With best wishes, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:me
Encl.

As Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal I send my warmest greetings to the delegates attending the Convention of the Zionist Organization of America in Cincinnati. I pray that their deliberations may be fruitful and redound to the strengthening of our movement in this historic hour.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Zionist leaders throughout the nation who have, in their respective communities, given loyal and valiant service to the United Jewish Appeal. The Yishuv is leaning heavily in this trying and critical hour upon the United Palestine Appeal for the maintenance of its institutions, the care of the refugees who have come and are still coming into the country, as well as for spiritual tone and morale. The Jews of Palestine have met the challenge of war and the threat of danger and invasion in a magnificently heroic manner. They have not failed us, or the cause of civilization. Their readiness to sacrifice and to suffer and, if need be, to die for the Jewish Homeland and for the ideals of freedom and human liberties which are now under attack throughout the world, have filled our hearts with pride and gratitude. We must match that courage and loyalty by our readiness to help them to the utmost to hold their positions and to carry on.

Abba Hillel Silver.

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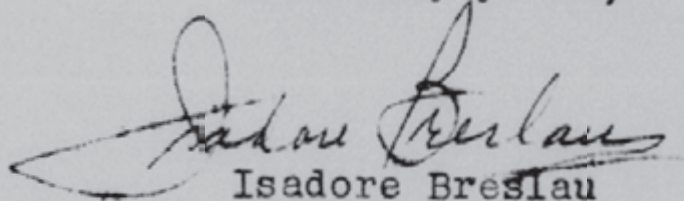
September 9th, 1941

Dear Friend:

The first meeting of the newly
elected Executive of the Zionist Organization
of America will be held in Philadelphia, at
the Ritz-Carlton, on Monday, September 15th,
at 10:00 A. M.

With Zionist Greetings

Cordially yours,


Isadore Breslau

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I regret exceedingly that though you were elected a delegate to the 44th Annual Convention of the Zionist Organization, you found it impossible to attend. The Convention unanimously elected me as President of our organization for the ensuing year.

I regard this not only as a great honor and privilege, but also as an equally great responsibility and obligation. I hope I may count on your active and loyal support to help make my administration a success. I ask this of you not out of consideration for me, personally, but for the sake of Zion so dear to the hearts of us all.

With Zion's Greetings and with my best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year, I am

Faithfully yours,

Louis E. Levinthal

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Sept 25, 1941

AIR MAIL

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th St. & Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

At the last meeting of the Executive, I was authorized to appoint a special Committee of the Z. O. A. to formulate a plan to implement the Convention Resolution on Coordination and to submit a report at the next meeting of the Executive.

In the formulation of its plan, the Committee is authorized to engage in fact-finding and to communicate and negotiate with the officers of the Keren Hayesod, the Jewish National Fund, the United Palestine Appeal and Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs. Will you kindly accept appointment on this Committee.

I am appointing Robert Szold as Chairman of this Committee. He will undoubtedly communicate with you shortly regarding the time of the meeting of this Committee.

With kindest personal regards and Zion's Greetings, I am

Most cordially yours,

Louis E. Levinthal
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Sept. 25, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

At the meeting of the Z.O.A. Executive, on September 15th in Philadelphia, it was decided that I appoint a Committee to be composed of the members of the Z.O.A. Executive who are member of the Emergency Committee, to consider the advisability of calling a special meeting, in the United States, of the Actions Committee and also to consider, as an additional or alternative proposal, the advisability of calling, in the United States, a conference of representatives of all Zionist bodies in America.

This Committee was requested to submit a report at the next meeting of the Executive, which will be held in New York City, on Wednesday, October 22nd, at 5:00 P.M., at the Hotel Astor, before any commitments be made or final action taken. Will you kindly accept appointment on this Committee.

I am appointing Dr. Solomon Goldman as Chairman of this Committee. He will undoubtedly communicate with you shortly regarding the time of the meeting.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Louis E. Levinthal
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Dear Dr. Silver:

The first meeting of the Committee on Coordination appointed by Judge Levinthal to formulate a plan to implement the Convention Resolution on Coordination and to submit a report to the next meeting of the Executive Committee on October 22nd, will meet in my office at 30 Broad Street, New York City, on Wednesday, October 15th, at 3:00 P.M.

Please make every effort to attend this meeting and advise me accordingly.

With Zion's Greetings,

Cordially yours,

Robert Szold
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed herewith is a memorandum to be considered by the Committee on Coordination at its first meeting in my office, 30 Broad Street, New York City, N. Y., on Wednesday, October 15th at 3:00 P. M.

Will you kindly study the memorandum carefully and be prepared to discuss it at the first meeting.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

Rob Szold

Robert Szold

Enc.
RS:GS

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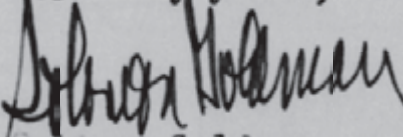
Dear Dr. Silver:

The first meeting of the Committee appointed by Judge Levinthal to consider the advisability of calling a special meeting in the United States of the Actions Committee and also to consider, as an additional or alternative proposal, the advisability of calling in the United States a conference of representatives of all Zionist bodies in America, will take place at the Hotel Astor, New York, on Wednesday, October 22nd at 1:00 P. M.

We will meet for luncheon and continue our meeting during the afternoon. Please make every effort to attend this meeting.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,


Solomon Goldman

SG:GS

October 7, 1941

Judge Louis E. Levinthal, President
Zionist Organization of America
1720 -- 16th St.
Washington, D.C.

My dear Judge Levinthal:

In reply to your kind letter of September 25th requesting me to serve on the committee to implement the Convention Resolution on Coordination as well as on a committee to consider the advisability of calling a special meeting of the Actions Committee, etc., I shall be pleased to serve on both these committees. I doubt, however, whether I shall have much time to give to the work of these committees. I note that Mr. Szold has called a meeting of his committee for Wednesday, October 15th. It will not be possible for me to attend that meeting. I must remain in Cleveland on that day. On the 16th and 17th I shall be in New York to attend meetings of the Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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TO ALL CHAIRMEN OF REGIONS AND
DISTRICTS UNAFFILIATED WITH REGIONS

Dear Friend:

Will you kindly obtain from your District Administration its recommendation to me of the names of Zionists in the Districts of your Region qualified to serve on each of the following National Committees which the Executive Committee authorized me to appoint:

- 1 - Finance and Revenue
- 2 - Membership
- 3 - Publications
- 4 - Education
- 5 - Political Affairs and Public Relations
- 6 - Economic Problems in Palestine
- 7 - Palestine Funds and Special Projects (Jewish National Fund, Vaad Bitachon, Hechalutz, Aid to Britain, Red Magen David, etc.)

I plan to appoint one general Committee for all Palestine Funds and a sub-Committee for each particular fund or project.

Your Region will be entitled to one representative on each of the Committees for every thousand members in the Region.

Kindly give this matter your most careful attention and send me your recommendations as promptly as possible. Please do not recommend the same man for more than one Committee and be sure to designate men best qualified and willing to serve on the particular Committees.

Please regard this as a personal, as well as an official, request from your new President.

With Zion's Greetings, I am

Faithfully yours,

Louis E. Levinthal
Louis E. Levinthal

LEL:SBN

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October 10, 1941.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th Street at Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 7th. I am glad to know that you have agreed to serve on behalf of the committees to which you have been appointed.

I am suggesting to Bob Szold that he discuss with you at sometime to suit your convenience on the 16th or 17th whatever proposals his committee will consider on the 15th and that no final action be taken on the 15th with respect thereto until after you have been consulted. There will still be time for another meeting of the Coordination Committee prior to the next meeting of our Executive Committee on the 22nd, at which time its report is to be submitted.

I am sorry that I was not able to meet with you, Montor and Shetzer in Cleveland today. I am looking forward to seeing Montor in the next few days and I hope that the U.P.A. and the Z.O.A. will work together effectively and harmoniously in the future.

With all good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Louis E. Levinthal

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Dear Regional Chairman:

I am sending you a copy of the minutes of the last meeting of the Administrative Council held in Washington on September 28th. The Resolution on Regional reorganization adopted at this meeting is of such importance that it should be brought to the attention of the officers and board members of your Region as soon as possible.

In substance, this Resolution instructs the Administration:

1. To engage field men for all Regions in the country.
2. To withhold the \$1.00 subvention formerly reserved by the Regions.
3. To provide the Regions with all necessary services.

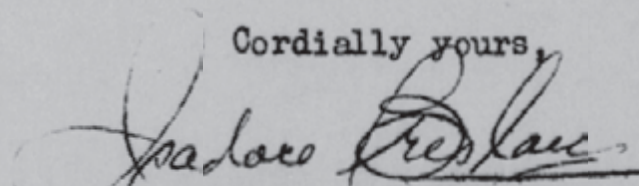
Naturally, the implementation of this program will be gradual and with the consultation of yourself and your board. Insofar as is possible, we must avoid the disruption of present Regional activities. These should go on normally until Mr. Shetzer, the new Executive Director, has had a chance to advise with you concerning the situation in your own Region.

However, in the light of the Resolution adopted at this meeting, you should avoid making any long term commitments. If some immediate decision with respect to your Regional work appears necessary, it would be advisable to consult with the office at once.

We invite your cooperation in carrying out the intent of this Resolution. Any proposals and suggestions you wish to make, I assure you, will receive immediate attention.

With Zion's Greetings,

Cordially yours,


Isadore Breslau

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November 5th, 1941

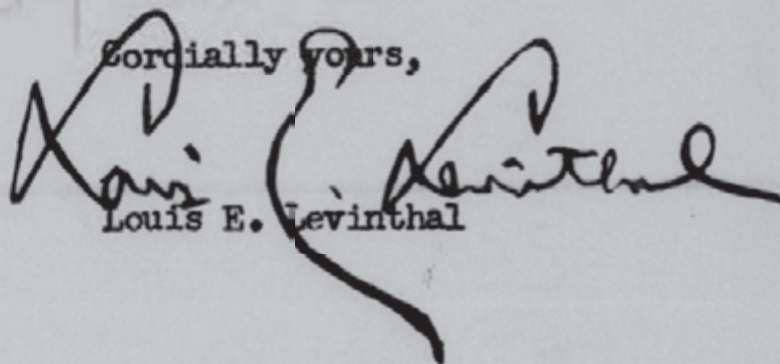
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

At the next meeting of the Executive Committee of the Z.O.A. which will be held at the Lotus Club in Philadelphia on November 12th, there will be included on the Agenda, the present status of the negotiations of the U.P.A. with the J.D.C. with regard to the U.J.A. for 1942. I hope that you will be able to attend to present the report and I strongly urge you to be with us. I know how very busy you are but it will be most helpful to the Cause to have you participate in the next meeting.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,


Louis E. Levinthal

LEL:bg



November 6, 1941

Judge Louis E. Levinthal, President
Zionist Organization of America
1720 -- 16th St., N.W.
Washington, D.C.

My dear Judge Levinthal:

Thank you for your letter of November 5.
I should very much like to attend the Executive Meeting
of the ZOA on November 12. I must, however, remain in
Cleveland on that day. The Women's Organization of The
Temple is conducting an all day "Home Defense Seminar"
and I am scheduled to address their meeting in the
afternoon of that day. I am sure there will be someone
from the UPA who will be able to acquaint the Executive
Committee with the status of the negotiations.

So far we have made little progress. The
negotiators agreed, at the initial meeting which was
attended by Wise, Rothenberg, Rosenbloom and myself,
(you were in Pittsburgh that day) for the UPA, that it
would be helpful before a full meeting is again called,
to have the JDC, the UPA and the Council of Federations
carry on with one representative each. Judge Rothenberg
has been representing the UPA. He had one meeting last
week and will have another meeting this coming Monday.
We hope to have a full meeting of the Negotiations
Committee as soon as the sub-committee indicates progress.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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Nov. 18, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th Street,
Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

On October 8, 1941, Judge Levinthal sent you the enclosed letter to which no reply has been received. Please send the information the President requested so that he can appoint the national committees mentioned in his letter.

With Zion's Greetings, I am

Faithfully yours,

H. A. Schulson

Enc.
HS:GS

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AIR MAIL

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Will you kindly send me a report of the meeting
addressed by Irving Fineman.

I would greatly appreciate your writing me your
impression of Fineman and whether you would recommend
him as a speaker before Zionist District. This year
is the first time we have used Mr. Fineman and naturally
your observations would be most helpful.

With warmest personal regards, I am

Most cordially yours,

H. A. Schulson

HS:GS

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As you previously learned from the minutes of the last meeting of the Administrative Council held on September 28th, there was adopted the plan for Regional Reorganization. The reorganization proposals cannot, as you will readily understand, be implemented fully in one moment. The vast ramifications must be carefully examined and conflicting interests must be reconciled harmoniously.

We are at this time engaged in selecting men for our Z.O.A. field service. In this connection you can be most helpful. We welcome any suggestions which you and your associates may offer concerning the availability of young men who combine with a good Zionist and general Jewish background, a complete at-homeness in the American scene and who have had training and experience in the field of organization and communal activity. They should have, too, those desirable traits of character and personality to make them easily acceptable among those with whom they shall have to work.

We are now ready to take the next step in the reorganization program. By authority of the Convention and of the Administrative Council, I direct your attention to the provision in the plan for the payment to your National Office of that portion of the membership dues heretofore retained by the Region either as a subsidy or on the basis of any other arrangement. In conformity with the intent of this provision, the Budget and Office Management Committee of the Z.O.A. has adopted an additional resolution providing that membership cards shall be issued by the national office only upon prior receipt in this office of the full membership fee of \$5.00.

The following administrative procedure has been established with which it is expected that you will comply:

1- Upon the collection of dues by the District, the full amount of \$5.00 (and in case of joint membership \$8.00) must be remitted at once to National headquarters.

2- Upon receipt of the dues at the National headquarters, membership cards will be issued immediately and the enrolled member will be placed in good standing with all of the rights and privileges to which membership entitles him.

3- A refund of \$1.00 per member will be made to the Districts immediately.

4- \$1.00 per member will be reserved by us for Regional Administration. (Pending final adjustment of Regional status in conformity with the above mentioned resolution adopted by the Administrative Council, the Regions will receive advances from the National office to meet current needs, but not to exceed the amount which would have been due them as Regional refunds).

In the case of Districts such as your own, which are wholly outside of any established Region or which have heretofore remained unaffiliated with the Region, although included within its geographical boundaries, there will be no such advances. The retention by these independent Districts of the Regional refund, even under circumstances which obtained previously, cannot be wholly justified. It constituted a discriminatory practice which now is to be eliminated.

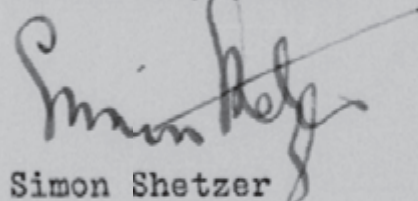
The Zionist District as the operating or functional unit of the Zionist Organization as distinguished from the Region, which is the administrative arm of the National Organization, cannot expect more than \$1.00 from the \$5.00 dues. We recognize that it is a small portion, but it is the maximum that can be allowed so long as our dues remain at the nominal figure of \$5.00.

The adjustments required to be made by you under the above procedure will not be easy. Districts will need to exercise their ingenuity to provide additional revenue for their operations. Most of our Districts have always done this. We feel certain, however, that with your sympathetic understanding of the situation and with your whole-hearted cooperation, we shall together achieve the objective which we share in common, a more efficient administration of national Zionist affairs.

As the Regional Reorganization program develops, you will hear further from us. Please write us that your secretary and treasurer have been instructed to proceed in conformity with the administrative procedure outlined above.

With kind regards and Zion's greetings, I am,

Faithfully yours,


Simon Shetzer

SS:BG

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As you are aware, the Zionist Organization of America is dedicating its current year's membership to the memory of the late Justice Louis D. Brandeis. Accordingly, all Zionists throughout the country have been called upon by our President, Judge Louis E. Levinthal, to devote the sixty-day period, from December 1st, 1941 to February 1st, 1942, to the Brandeis Memorial Membership campaign. Likewise, the eight days of Chanukah have been set aside as special Membership Week in tribute to that great Maccabean of our time, Louis D. Brandeis.

May I be favored by a statement, or preferably an article from you on the significance of the Brandeis Memorial Membership, for release to the Anglo-Jewish press throughout the country.

Inasmuch as the fiftieth anniversary of the death of Leon Pinsker falls on December 1st, 1941, a few words on the anniversary in relation to the present Zionist situation would also be appreciated.

Looking forward to hearing from you, I remain with Zion's Greetings,

Sincerely yours,

E. Barbarash, Director
Publicity Department

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November 28, 1941

Mr. H. A. Schulson
Zionist Organization of America
1720 - 16th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Schulson:

In reply to your letter of November 18
with reference to Mr. Irving Fineman:-

I should like to say that Mr. Fineman delivered a very charming address before the Cleveland Zionist Society. The audience was pleased, but he touched on Palestine only in passing. If he is to become a regular speaker before Zionist Districts, his subject matter should be far more Palestinian than the address which he delivered here. His is a fresh voice on our platform, and it should be encouraged.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

December 5, 1941

Mr. H. A. Schulson
Zionist Organization of America
1720 - 16th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Schulson:

In reply to your letter of November 18, I would suggest the following members of The Cleveland Zionist Society to serve on the National Committees which the Executive Committee is appointing:

- 1) Finance and Revenue
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With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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Send the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

January 9, 1942

JUDGE LOUIS E. LEVINTHAL
ZOA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
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REGRET GREATLY CAN NOT ATTEND MEETING EXECUTIVE CO MMITTEE. MUST
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January 19, 1942

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In conformity with the Resolution on Coordination unanimously adopted at the 44th Annual Z. O. A. Convention in Cincinnati, a copy of which is enclosed herewith, and upon the authority and approval of the Z. O. A. Executive Committee at its last meeting on January 10th in New York City, I have submitted to Mr. Charles R. Hess, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Keren Hayesod, a list of the only Z. O. A. members nominated to serve as members of the Board of Directors of the Keren Hayesod for the ensuing term.

I am happy to inform you that you are one of the Z. O. A. designees on this approved list nominated to serve as one of the Board of Directors of the Keren Hayesod. I am sure that your services will be of great value to our movement and I am counting upon your willingness to accept membership on the Board of Directors of the Keren Hayesod, if elected.

With Zion's greetings and kindest personal regards, I am

Faithfully yours,

Louis E. Levinthal
Louis E. Levinthal

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RESOLUTION ON COORDINATION
ADOPTED AT THE 44TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE Z. O. A.

WHEREAS, the Zionist Organization of America, in Convention assembled, recognizes the compelling urgency of co-ordinating all Zionist activities and strengthening the Zionist Organization of America as an instrument for effective and united action in Zionist affairs; and that it is to the best interests of the Zionist movement and would be in greater conformity with democratic procedure that no member of the Zionist Organization of America participate as officer, director or member of the Keren Hayesod, the Jewish National Fund, the United Palestine Appeal, and the Emergency Committee under circumstances where they are neither designated nor approved by the Zionist Organization of America and are not responsible to it for their official acts, it is

RESOLVED:

1. No member of the Zionist Organization of America shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors or governing body of the Keren Hayesod, the Jewish National Fund, or United Palestine Appeal, or as a member of the Emergency Committee, unless he shall first have obtained the approval or designation of the Executive Committee of the Zionist Organization of America;
2. Every member of the Zionist Organization of America, who shall be appointed or elected as an officer or member of the Board of Directors or other governing body of the Keren Hayesod, the Jewish National Fund, or the United Palestine Appeal, or as a member of the Emergency Committee shall on all matters of policy accept the instructions of and be responsible to the Executive Committee of the Zionist Organization of America.
3. This resolution democratically adopted after years of experience, extended discussion and mature consideration, is a mandate binding upon all the members of the Zionist Organization of America.

4. The incoming Executive is hereby directed:

(a) To cause appropriate representation of the Zionist Organization of America to be assured on the governing boards of the Jewish National Fund, the Keren Hayesod, the United Palestine Appeal.

(b) To take all necessary or desirable steps looking toward the procurement of amendments to the respective Constitutions and by-laws of the Keren Hayesod, Jewish National Fund, United Palestine Appeal and the Emergency Committee and to the adoption of such resolutions; and to do any and all other things deemed necessary to accomplish the true intent and spirit of this resolution.

(c) To convene a special session of the Executive Committee forthwith for the special purpose of carrying out these resolutions.

(d) To have due regard for the legitimate interests of Mizrahi, the Labor Party and Hadassah and the non-Zionists in the Keren Hayesod, the Jewish National Fund, the United Palestine Appeal and the Emergency Committee, as the case may be.

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January 22, 1942

Judge Louis E. Levinthal, President
Zionist Organization of America
1720 - 16th St., N.W.
Washington, D.C.

My dear Judge Levinthal:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 19. I regret that I will not be able to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Keren Hayesod under the terms of the resolutions which you enclosed. You will recall that at the first meeting of the Executive, in Philadelphia, I expressed myself fully on the subject.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:EK

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

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From the replies thus far received, it appears that a few of the designees will be unable to serve and it, therefore, becomes necessary to make substitutions. As the elections to the Board of the Keren Hayesod will take place very shortly and as it will not be practical to call a meeting of our Executive Committee for this matter alone, I am writing this letter to the members of the Executive Committee to ask their authority to make any necessary substitutions in order that this matter shall not be unduly delayed. I ask you please to reply by return mail. If a majority of the members of the Executive will approve, as I hope they will, I shall proceed immediately to take the necessary steps and shall make a full report at the next meeting of our Executive Committee.

Kindly reply immediately by indicating your vote in the space provided below.

With Zion's Greetings,

Cordially yours,

Louis E. Levinthal
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I approve of the authority herein requested by the President.
disapprove

Date _____

Name _____

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With Zion's Greetings,

Cordially yours,

Louis E. Levinthal
Louis E. Levinthal

I approve of the authority herein requested by the President.
disapprove

Date _____

Name _____

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
1720—16TH STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 29, 1942.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

I know how crowded your schedule of speaking engagements must be and I hesitate to impose upon your good nature, but Mrs. Levinthal and her associates in the local Hadassah are insistent that I urge you to come to Philadelphia to attend their Donor Rally at the Academy of Music. At least 3000 women are expected to attend and each one must contribute or raise \$25.00. You will remember that you attended a Donor Luncheon of the Philadelphia Hadassah some years ago. The women say that the one you addressed was the most successful ever held in our community and they will not consider anyone else but you as the principal attraction. They have reserved three dates, Monday, May 11th; Tuesday, May 12th; or Wednesday, May 13th. They prefer Monday or Tuesday. This is to be an early afternoon function.

I hope that you will find it possible to accept Hadassah's invitation. The women are doing a splendid piece of work and they should be encouraged.

I hope you liked the New Palestine number on the U.P.A. Conference. Your address thrilled me when I heard it in Cleveland. It proved just as effective when I read it. That is most unusual for any oration.

I hope it will be possible for you to attend the next meeting of the Executive Committee of the Z.O.A. I shall be glad to fix the time when you can arrange to attend. Do you expect to be East within the next two weeks? If so, I could call a meeting of our Executive Committee in New York or Philadelphia at a time which will not inconvenience you unduly.

With kind personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Klein

February 5, 1942

Judge Louis E. Levinthal, President
Zionist Organization of America
1720 - 16th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

My dear Judge Levinthal:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 1 and the draft of a letter which you propose to send to the members of The Cleveland Zionist Society. There will be a meeting of our Board next Tuesday and I shall take the matter up with them.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. I should very much like to come to Philadelphia for the Hadassah donor luncheon but the week of May 11 is the week of our Jewish Welfare Fund Drive and I must remain on hand for the campaign here.

If you would let me know what are the dates of the next two or three meetings of the Executive Committee I shall make an effort to attend one or another.

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Dear Mr. Shetzer:

I will (will not) attend the Extraordinary American Zionist Conference called by the American Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs, to be held on May 9th, 10th and 11th, at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City, and pledge to attend regularly all the sessions of the conference.

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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
1720 - 16TH STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 29th, 1942

Mr. Henry Montor, Executive Director
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd Street
New York City, New York

Dear Henry:

This is in reply to your letter of May 25th with further reference to the question of joint Z.O.A. -U.P.A. field representatives. You tell me that the matter was adversely considered at a previous meeting of your Administrative Committee. I know that the matter was once before the Administrative Committee at which time, after a brief discussion, it was postponed for further consideration but so far as I know was not again placed upon a subsequent agenda.

I had counted upon the support of both Dr. Silver and yourself to urge acceptance of the proposals for joint field service. You will recall that when I met with Dr. Silver and yourself in Cleveland last October, both of you agreed with my suggestion. My recollection is that Dr. Silver acknowledged, in so many words, the validity of the proposals which I put forth at that time. Both of you, however, pointed out that for various reasons it would be inexpedient and unwise to attempt to implement such proposals throughout the country. It was your own suggestion that we should proceed to experiment with the plan in two specific areas, namely, the Southwest Region including Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Louisiana, and the Pacific Coast area.

May I remind you that nothing has come of the suggestion with reference to either of these territories? As regards the Southwest, I am sure that had you urged its acceptance upon the leaders of the Palestine Council in Texas, it would have been accepted. Unfortunately for the plan, you told me when we met in Houston that I would have to sell it to Mr. Weingarten and Mr. Taubman. I think you will agree with me, Henry, that having yourself suggested the desirability of experimenting with the plan in Texas, you should have urged the acceptance of this plan upon these gentlemen instead of putting me in the position of being the exclusive protagonist of it.

As regards the Pacific Coast, I need not remind you that our plans were suspended by reason of the situation which

Mr. Henry Montor

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obtained there, earlier in the year. Now that that particular situation no longer exists, the matter ought to be pursued more fully. I hope that you plan to place it upon the agenda, for discussion, at the next meeting of the Administrative Committee, scheduled for June 10th. I hope, too, that we can count upon the fullest cooperation of both Dr. Silver and yourself in urging its acceptance. I am sure that you recognize in a joint field service the finest expression of the efforts looking toward coordination of Zionist activities and programming.

With kindest personal regards,

Cordially yours,

SS:bg

Simon Shetzer



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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Pittsburgh Zionist District Cultural Committee is now mapping out the District's program for the coming season and I have been asked to extend to you an invitation to address one of its public cultural meetings for the 1942-43 season. Won't you advise me what day in the month of May 1943 you can conveniently address the District?

Please send a copy of your letter to me to Mr. Nathan Savage, 5715 Callowhill Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

With Zion's Greetings,

Cordially yours,

H. A. Schulson

HAS:HG

