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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
c/o the Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On my arrival in New York this morning I was met at the boat by a few of our friends who told me of the very excellent work that you have been doing for the Keren Hayesod since my departure from this country last year.

For instance, Mr. Michael Hollander of Newark, who met me at the pier, told me of the wonderful speech you made in Newark and the magnificent effect it had in helping them to put over the Campaign. I need hardly tell you how much I appreciate all that you have been and all that you are doing to help us along.

As for myself, I have, as you know, visited a great many of the European centers recently. I have received a very fine welcome everywhere, but I cannot help but notice that the material situation in all parts of Europe is changed and is changing for the worse. It has become more imperative than ever that we should bend our utmost efforts to absorb as many immigrants as possible in Palestine, and this is a message which I want to bring home to our friends and colleagues in the United States. I would very much like to tell you personally of many things that I have observed and seen during my recent tour in Europe.

I learn that you have difficulty in absenting yourself from Cleveland in order to attend the opening of our Keren Hayesod Campaign at the Carnegie Hall meeting on Monday next, the 16th inst. Nevertheless, I hope that even now at the last minute it may be possible for you to make the trip so that I may have the chance of talking over matters with you personally.

As you are aware, I am obliged to leave early in March in order to reach Naples by the 20th, where I am to join Lord Balfour who is to open the Hebrew University in Jerusalem on April first. It is therefore not





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possible for me to remain more than three or four weeks in this country, and except for possibly two or three occasions, I will not be in a position to take part in the many important gatherings which are being arranged in connection with our Greater New York Campaign.

Knowing as I do the tremendous effect which your personality would have in making our New York Campaign successful, I very much hope that it will be possible for you to spare a few days during the third week in March, in which you could come to New York and address some of the most important of these gatherings.

Having only arrived today, I am not in a position to write you a long letter, but will reserve what I have to say until I see you personally.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

*Chickizman*



February Nineteenth  
1925

Dr. Ch. Weizmann,  
The Commodore Hotel,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. Weizmann,

I was very happy to receive your letter of February eleventh. I have since read of the remarkable demonstration at Carnegie Hall. Your presence has infused new life into the movement.

I shall try my utmost to give a day or two to the New York campaign. I have been held down here with my manifold occupations, and my health during the past few weeks has not been of the best. I am, therefore, compelled to conserve my energies a bit.

I do hope that I shall have the pleasure of seeing you during your stay in the country.

Hoping that your meeting on March first will meet with all the success which you anticipate, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,