



Abba Hillel Silver Collection Digitization Project

Featuring collections from the Western Reserve Historical Society and
The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives

MS-4787: Abba Hillel Silver Papers, 1902-1989.

Series I: General Correspondence, 1914-1969, undated.

Sub-series A: Alphabetical, 1914-1965, undated.

Reel
79

Box
28

Folder
1763

Zionist Committee for an Undivided Palestine, 1938.

THE ZIONIST COMMITTEE FOR AN UNDIVIDED PALESTINE

27 WILLIAM STREET • NEW YORK • N. Y.

TELEPHONE HANOVER 2-5038

August 12, 1938

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
East 105th St. & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a
letter, dated July 27, 1938, just received from
Mr. Ussishkin. I am sending you, under separate
cover, the memorandum to which Mr. Ussishkin re-
fers.

Sincerely yours,

Rob Szold

Robert Szold

RS:SG
Encl.

C
O
P
Y

Jerusalem, 27th July, 1938

Mr. Robert Szold,
30, Broad Street,
New York.

Dear Mr. Szold,

I am sending you under separate cover 12 copies of the Memorandum which I have submitted to the Palestine Partition Commission, and would be much obliged if you would kindly have same distributed, with my compliments, to the following:

Mrs. Rose Jacobs
Mrs. Judith Epstein
Justice Louis Brandeis
Dr. Stephen Wise
Judge Mack
Rabbi Silver
Mr. Helman (of the Mizrachi)
Mr. Bublick (of the Mizrachi)
Mr. Hexter
Professor Frankfurter
Mr. Julius Simon,
and yourself.

It will of course be understood by all the recipients that the text is quite confidential, as I am not entitled to give publicity to same without the authority of the Commission. I shall endeavour to obtain the Commission's authority to publish the Memorandum in Hebrew and in English in pamphlet form.

I have not yet decided whether to submit verbal evidence, as for the present I do not consider it essential. The Commission agreed to accept my evidence in writing without any restrictions, but in regard to verbal evidence wished to restrict it to certain aspects of partition, which is not a condition that I could accept. In the Memorandum I have expressed myself fully on all aspects.

The Commission will accept evidence until the end of August here and in London, verbal and in writing. I consider it essential for American Zionists to send a representative to London to give evidence, and if it is not possible to find a suitable person to make that journey, a Memorandum should be sent. It is, however, necessary to act quickly. I assume that in the case of a Memorandum, it would be signed by well-known persons in the U.S.A.

I cabled some days ago to Mrs. Jacobs in regard to Poland. That country is most important, for at present we have no support there, and can expect many delegates to come to the Congress from Poland. I suggested Dr. Bograchov of the Tel Aviv Gymnasium to be sent there. He has agreed to go for 2 - 3 months, and I consider him both suitable and a person of responsibility. He would organize committees which would keep in touch with us. The budget for the journey both ways, and including organizing work among the press and the public, would be about £200. In my cable I inquired whether you agreed to Bograchov (I could find no other suitable person), but have not yet had a reply. It is possible that Mrs. Jacobs is not in New York, and hence I am writing to you and hope that you may be able to reply by now. In any case I beg you to remember me to Mrs. Jacobs.

I shall arrive in London on September 7, for the University meeting and other matters. I shall be very glad if Mrs. Jacobs or another member of your group were to be in London at the same time in order that we may discuss preparations for the Congress, which may be held soon. It is not yet definite when I shall leave Jerusalem, but it will not be before August 10 or after August 31. The intervening term I shall spend either in Jerusalem or at a spa in Europe.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) M. Ussishkin