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Zionist Council, Newark, New Jersey, 1943.

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January 27, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

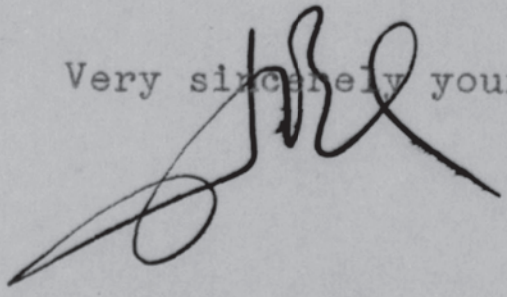
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am terribly sorry that there wasn't greater opportunity for me to spend more time with you and Virginia during my recent visit to Cleveland. I do hope it won't be necessary for us to travel 2500 miles to spend some time together and that, on your contemplated visit to New York in February, we shall have an evening or two together.

There are a great number of Zionist groups in this area. The idea has developed of forming a Council in which they shall each be represented in order more efficiently and more intelligently to coordinate Zionist activity. I am lending support to the movement and expect to devote some considerable time to the experiment. The Council plans to hold a mass meeting in Newark some time during the middle of March. The meeting should be attended by approximately 2,500 to 3,000 people. It should be addressed by you. I certainly know what the demands are upon your time. I know, too, that you have been here several times in the last number of years. On those occasions, however, in speaking for United Jewish Appeal, you had to make a "parve" speech, so far as Zionism was concerned. The time is now ripe and this is the occasion for an out and out job. Can you, and will you, come? Needless to say, the day and hour will be arranged to suit your convenience.

With Terry's very best and mine, too, of course, to you and to the family, I am,

Very sincerely yours,



JG:RSB
Air Mail

January the twenty-ninth
1943

My dear Joel:

Thank you so much for your letter of January 27th. I wish that I could write that I can come to your meeting in Newark sometime during the middle of March as I should like very much to speak on Zionism in your community. But I do not know what my schedule for March will be and I do not like to commit myself to an engagement which I might have to cancel at the last moment. It may be that I may go to the Pacific Coast in March or April for the work of the United Jewish Appeal. Miami and the communities down south have been pressing me to come down to visit them. I will not know definitely what my plans will be before February 10th when I will be in New York for a few meetings including those of the United Palestine Appeal and the United Jewish Appeal. I shall then be able to answer you definitely.

My Twenty-fifth Anniversary celebration has left me fairly dazed and bewildered with all of the remembrance and all the tokens of friendship which have come from friends near and far.

I am enclosing herewith Temple Bulletin which gives an account of the Anniversary service. And now I am rapidly coming down to earth again.

With all good wishes to you and Terry in which Virginia joins me heartily, I remain

Most cordially yours,

Mr. Joel Gross
744 Broad Street
Newark, N. J.

AHS:bw
Encl.

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February 1, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

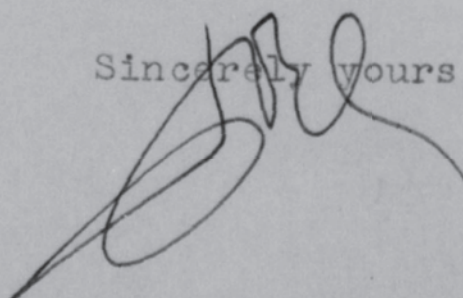
You can't imagine how let down Terry and I felt that circumstances prevented us from getting to Cleveland to participate in the Anniversary Celebration. We hope to have a private celebration when we finally see each other away from meetings, conventions, etc.

We shall await further word from you with respect to your availability during the middle of March to address the Zionist Regional Convention, before proceeding with any plans in connection with the Convention. I hope I shall see you when you are in New York on the 10th, and that you will have definite word at that time.

I have read, with a great deal of interest and with a sense of satisfaction that is difficult for me to explain, the contents of The Temple Bulletin, giving an account of the Anniversary Service, and I am taking it home for Terry to read. While I know that she will feel all the more put out that she was not able to be at Cleveland, she will also derive a great deal of pleasure from the account.

With our very best to you, I am,

Sincerely yours,



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February 16th,
1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

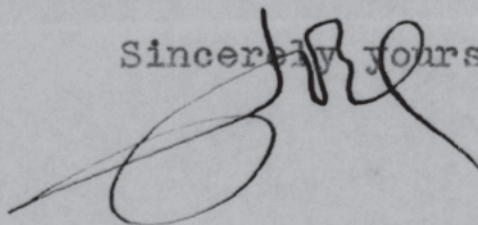
Dear Rabbi Silver:-

Thanks a million for your wire of yesterday in which you advised that you would be present on Monday evening, March 15th, at the meeting sponsored by the Zionist Council for this area.

Have you determined what the title of your address will be?

With sincerest regards to Mrs. Silver and yourself from Terry and myself, I am

Sincerely yours,



JG/LR

February 24, 1943

Mr. Joel Gross
744 Broad Street
Newark, N.J.

My dear Joel:

Perhaps this title will give me
room to say whatever I will want to say
about Zionism: "Zionism -- Is There Any
Other Solution?"

With all good wishes and looking
forward with pleasure to seeing you soon,
I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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March 5, 1943

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

There has been considerable insistent that, because of your presence here, the meeting of March 15th be utilized as an occasion for a public protest, much along the lines of the Madison Square Garden meeting on March 1st. I assume that your talk is going to be plenty full of protest.

I don't imagine you have any objection to publicizing the meeting along the lines indicated but I want to be sure that I have your permission to do so.

The program will consist of some singing by the Hazomir Choral Society, and your address. No other speeches. Isn't that enough to take it out of the category of Zionist meeting?

The publicity man would like to have from you something which he can have available for publication in the newspapers on the morning of March 16th, and I shall be indebted if you will send such material along.

When do you expect to get into town, and will Virginia be with you? Terry and I would like to make plans accordingly.

Very sincerely yours,

Joel

JG:RSB
Air Mail

March 8, 1943

Mr. Joel Gross
Gross & Blumberg
744 Broad Street
Newark, N.J.

My dear Joel:

Thank you for your letter of March 5th. As far as I am concerned, you may give the meeting of March 15th whatever character you wish. I am inclined to believe, however, that calling the protest meeting would be an anti-climax to the great demonstration which was held in New York City last week. I should not like the people who will come to the meeting to feel that they have been imposed upon by me or the Zionists in exploiting a protest meeting for Zionist propaganda. However, I will leave you to make the final decision.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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March 10, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thanks very much for your letter of March 8th.

While the protest aspect of the meeting has received some publicity, the fact that the meeting is run under the auspices of the Zionist Council of Essex County, and is being sponsored by me (who have been talking Zionism constantly to numerous groups during the past several months) has not been overlooked. Particularly publicized --- as though that needed publicity! --- has been your affiliation with Zionism and U.P.A. I don't know how anyone can claim to have been misled who reads the title of your address. I feel, therefore, quite satisfied that those who come to the meeting would expect to participate not only in a protest meeting but also, and more importantly, in a Zionist meeting.

We have hired the Mosque, one of Newark's largest meeting places, which seats approximately 3,500 people. Indications are that there will be a tremendous overflow crowd. You see, most of the people in and about Essex County, as distinguished from the potential large givers to the United Jewish Appeal campaign, have not had an opportunity to hear you during the many years last past.

I suggested to the Zionist Council that they ask the Rabbis of Essex County to join in the call for this meeting. Thirty-three rabbis in Essex County, which includes Newark and its suburbs, signed a proclamation, a copy of which I enclose. The only one requested to sign who refused to sign because of the reference to Zionism is your friend, but no longer mine, David Wice. The only rabbi in the community who was not asked to sign is Foster. I am enclosing, too, a list of the names of the rabbis who did sign. Rabbi Prinz drafted the proclamation and, incidentally, he has been very effective in building up the Zionist atmosphere in the community.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

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March 10, 1943

You failed to tell me in your letter what your plans were, namely, when and where you will arrive, where I shall meet with you, whether Virginia will accompany you, etc., etc. I shall appreciate word from you in this connection.

The publicity man has been hounding me to get some quotations from your address to enable him to get the same to the papers in time for publication on Tuesday morning, March 16th. If you can send such along, I shall appreciate it.

With warmest regards to the family and to yourself from Terry and me, I am,

Sincerely yours,

JG:RSB
Air Mail



P.S. I had hoped to obtain the cooperation of the Z.O.A. in connection with this meeting and in connection with a membership drive to be inaugurated thereat. I had better not put in writing a narrative of my experience!

March 11, 1943

Mr. Joel Gross
744 Broad Street
Newark, N.J.

My dear Joel:

Thank you for your letter of March 10. I shall arrive in New York Monday morning. I have meetings all day with the United Jewish Appeal and the United Palestine Appeal.

If you will arrange to have somebody call for me around seven or seven-thirty p.m. at the Commodore Hotel, I shall be ready then to go to Newark. Unfortunately Virginia will not be able to come along. I shall not be able to stay East this time beyond Tuesday afternoon.

I shall try to get some quotations from the address to you by Monday, but I cannot promise. I am head over heels in work.

With all good wishes to you and Terry, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

DRAFT OF PROCLAMATION OF UNDERSIGNED RABBIS OF ESSEX COUNTY

The appalling news that has reached this country spells doom for the six millions of our Jewish brethren who live in Nazi-dominated countries. Reliable reports which were transmitted through our State Department have informed the world that two million Jewish men, women and children have already been mercilessly murdered. It has become incumbent upon the nations of the world that everything be done in order to rescue those few who can be saved from certain death. The undersigned Rabbis of Essex County deem it their solemn duty as religious leaders of their people to add their voice of sorrow and protest against the abominable horrors that have been committed.

We appeal to the conscience of every American who sympathizes with the tragedy that has befallen our people, and we urge our own Jewish people enjoying the benefits of our great democracy, to join in a united effort not only to alleviate the horrors to which our brethren in Europe are being so cruelly subjected, but in seeking a permanent solution to the problem of those Jews. We affirm our belief that the persecuted and homeless Jew must find a new home in Palestine rebuilt where he can live the life of human dignity and creativity even as we under freedom and liberty do live here. We are convinced that the Zionist movement can serve as the best and most efficient instrument in achieving this goal, and we urge our people to join the ranks of this movement. Our hearts go out in sincere prayers for a world built upon justice and liberty for all in which all the nations of the world, and among them the ancient people of Israel, may live in happiness and peace.

Toward this end we urge our fellow Jews voice their sympathy and solidarity at the mass demonstration to be held at the Mosque Theatre, Newark, on Monday night, March 15th.

Signature

mass demonstration will be held at the Mosque Theatre, Newark, on Monday night, March 15th. Abba Hillel Silver, national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal. The 33 rabbis signing the proclamation are:

Newark—Zev Bloom, Temple B'nai Abraham; Meyer Blumenfeld, Beth Samuel; Harry J. Cohen, Ahavath Achim B'nai Jacob; Max Ehrenkrantz, Wainwright Street Synagogue; C. H. Glatzer, Tifereth Zion; I. Greenblatt, Brisk Delita; Charles I. Hoffman, Oheb Shalom; Herman L. Kahan, Schley Street Synagogue; Joseph Konvitz, Beth Joseph; David Koolyk, Anshe Russia; Zindel Levine, Adas Israel; Louis M. Levitsky, Oheb Shalom; Joachim Prinz, B'nai Abraham; Sidney Schulman, Young Israel of Newark; Julius Silberfeld, B'nai Abraham; Elias Singer, Anshe Estreich-Ungare; Ephraim Solomon, Ahavas Shalom; Louis Weller, Anshe Israel; Saul Zin, Kessar Torah.

Suburbs—Eliezer Cohen, Sinai, Hillside; David Friedman, A. A. A., Irvington; Israel Goldblum, Faith of Israel, East Orange; Melvin Kieffer, B'nai Israel, Millburn; Rev. Alter Kriegel, Verona; Sidney Kosofsky, B'nai Zion, Bloomfield; Irving Lehman, Shomrei Emunah, Montclair; Marius Ranson, Sharey Tafil, East Orange; Isaac B. Rose, B'nai Israel, Irvington; Zvi Schreiner, B'nai Israel, Nutley; Mordecai J. Simckes, B'nai Israel, Kearny; Baruch I. Treiger, Agudath Achim, Orange; Morris R. Werb, Jewish League, Caldwell; A. S. Wiesel, B'nai Zion, East Orange.

List of those who signed proclamation