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Zionist Organization of America, 1919-1920.

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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Office of the

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Israel Goldberg, Secretary to the Committee.

55 Fifth Avenue

New York.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

of the

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION (CENTRAL OFFICE) LONDON.

Treasurer's Department,

Boris Goldberg, Treasurer.

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

from

March 1st, to December 31st, 1919.

INCOME.

E. S. D.

(A) Restoration Fund 237,403: 3: 1:

Palestine Relief 5,836:12: 6:

(B) Shekolim 3,372: 8:11:

Hebrew School Fund 500:10:11:

Copenhagen Bureau 15,000: 0: 0:

Sales of Literature 5:11: 5:

Gain on Exchange 3:18: 5:

262,122: 5: 3:

Balance at credit of

Income account at

Feb. 28th, 1919. 29,171:15: 3:

291,294: 0: 6:

Excess of Expenditure

over Income

490:17: 9:

£291,784:18: 3:

EXPENDITURE.

E. S. D.

(C) Activities in and  
for Palestine. 238,528: 9:11:

Organizational &  
National Work 37,634: 7: 2:

Administrative  
Expenses 15,622: 1: 2:

£291,784:18: 3:



SCHEDULE "A".

RESTORATION FUND.

from

March 1st, to December 31st, 1919.

|                       | <u>£</u>   | <u>s.</u> | <u>d.</u> |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| ENGLAND . . . . .     | 20,730:    | 4:        | 8:        |
| AMERICA . . . . .     | 165,130:   | 13:       | 9:        |
| RUSSIA . . . . .      | 9,130:     | 0:        | 02        |
| AUSTRALIA . . . . .   | 1,360:     | 0:        | 0:        |
| FRANCE. . . . .       | 687:       | 15:       | 1:        |
| SALONIQUE.. . . .     | 347:       | 0:        | 6:        |
| MOROCCO . . . . .     | 17:        | 0:        | 0:        |
| CAIRO . . . . .       | 100:       | 0:        | 0:        |
| ROUMANIA . . . . .    | 200:       | 0:        | 0:        |
| SOUTH AFRICA. . . . . | 9,033:     | 1:        | 11:       |
| HOLLAND . . . . .     | 1,149:     | 6:        | 2:        |
| CANADA . . . . .      | 29,437:    | 0:        | 5:        |
| CHRISTIANIA . . . . . | 58:        | 9:        | 0:        |
| STOCKHOLM . . . . .   | 71:        | 0:        | 3:        |
|                       | 237,451:   | 11:       | 9:        |
| * Less                | 48:        | 8:        | 8:        |
|                       | £ 237,403: | 3:        | 1:        |

\* Credit given to Shanghai 1918 in error. Intended for E. Z. F. and duly paid over.



SUMMARY OF  
PALESTINE EXPENDITURE  
FOR TEN MONTHS, MARCH 1st, to DECEMBER 31st, 1919.

SCHEDULE "C"

|  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| EDUCATION  | 62,303: 6: 8:                         |
| AGRICULTURE  | 35,854: 0: 0:                         |
| MEDICAL & SANITATION   | 47,909:13: 4:                         |
| ADMINISTRATION   | 23,543: 0: 0:                         |
| NATIONAL ORGANIZATION  | 17,698: 0: 0:                         |
| ZIONIST COMMISSION FOR CONSTRUCTIVE<br>RELIEF AND OTHER PURPOSES | 15,628: 9: 9:                         |
| INDUSTRY & PUBLIC WORKS  | 1,719: 6: 8:                          |
| DRAINAGE   | 12,600: 0: 0:                         |
| EXPERTS  | 4,382:17: 9:                          |
| CONTINGENCIES  | 1,378: 0: 0:                          |
| DIFFERENCE OF EXCHANGE   | <u>2,116:13: 4:</u><br>225,133: 7: 6: |
| EXPENDITURE OUTSIDE PALESTINE FOR<br>PALESTINIAN ACTIVITIES      | 7,552:18: 6:                          |
| TRADE & INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, LONDON.                             | 820: 4: 3:                            |
| PALESTINE DEPARTMENT, LONDON                                     | <u>5,021:19: 8:</u>                   |
|  | <u><u>£ 238,528: 9:11:</u></u>        |





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DEPARTMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES  
55 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK

August 15, 1919.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
55 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Delegate and Fellow Zionist:-

I take great pleasure in informing you that you have been certified as a delegate to represent your District at the 22nd Annual Convention of the Zionist Organization of America, which will take place in Chicago, Illinois, beginning September 12th to September 18th inclusive.

Enclosed you will please find the following:

1. Delegate's Card.
2. Circular regarding reduced railway rates.
3. Convention Guide.

## REGISTRATION:

The registration of the delegates will begin on Friday, September 12th. On Friday and on Saturday evening the delegates will be able to register at the Chicago Zionist Bureau, 1212 Ashland Block. On Sunday, September 14th, a registration office will be opened at Convention Headquarters, Congress Hotel, Michigan Boulevard and Congress Street. Please see to it that you register as soon as possible after your arrival in Chicago. Make sure to bring your delegate's card with you. Every delegate must keep this card about his person during the entire Convention. It will serve as his admission card to all the sessions.

## SESSIONS:

The opening session of the Convention will take place Sunday afternoon at the Auditorium Theater, a short distance from the Congress Hotel, where the Convention Headquarters will be located. The time and place of the sessions will be announced in the agenda of the Convention.



## ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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### HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS:

Our Chicago Convention Committee has made arrangements with a number of first rate hotels to accomodate our delegates during the Convention. A list of these hotels and the scale of prices is given in the Convention Guide. You will please note, however, that reservations must be made before September 1st. In making your reservation, you must state definitely when you expect to arrive in Chicago, and from what day you wish to assume responsibility for the rooms reserved for you.

### ANNUAL REPORT:

Withiin a few days the National office will mail the Annual Report of the Zionist Organization of America to all the delegates. It is hoped that the delegates will acquaint themselves with the activities of the Organization, during the past year, by a careful examination of the facts presented in this Report.

Yours, In the hope of the New Zion,



*Louis Lipsky*  
Secretary for Organization.

HS-PRF.



## Delegate's Card

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

Name Rabbia H. Silver,

Address 55 Fifth Ave. N.Y.C.

District of New York # 16

has been duly accredited a delegate to the twenty-second annual Convention of the Zionist Organization of America, to be held in Chicago, Ill.,

SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, 1919.



*Louis Lipsky*

Secretary for Organization

Name Silver Rabbia H.  
Address 55 Fifth Ave N.Y.C.  
District of New York #16

Zionist Organization of America  
District of Cleveland

# Official Ballot

For Election of Officers and Members  
of the Executive.

Mark an X in the box in front of the name of the  
candidate you vote for.

| Mark Your<br>X<br>Here            | Names of Candidates              |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                   | President, Rabbi Solomon Goldman |
|                                   | Vice Pres, Judge Samuel Silbert  |
|                                   | Treasurer, S. Ulmer              |
|                                   | Secretary, Samuel Wohl           |
| <b>Executive Committee:</b>       |                                  |
| VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 15 MEMBERS |                                  |
|                                   | August, Mrs. M.                  |
|                                   | Beck, Sam                        |
|                                   | Benjamin, Rabbi Samuel           |
|                                   | Berick, M.                       |
|                                   | Berman, Max H.                   |
|                                   | Bialosky, S.                     |
|                                   | Blitstein, M.                    |
|                                   | Braff, Jos.                      |
|                                   | Cohen, Rabbi H.                  |
|                                   | Cohen, Max                       |
|                                   | Engelman, N. D.                  |
|                                   | Epstein, Dr. J. W.               |
|                                   | Flock, Dr. J.                    |
|                                   | Gara, D.                         |
|                                   | Garber, B.                       |
|                                   | Garber, Mrs. M.                  |
|                                   | Garber, Sam                      |
|                                   | Grossberg, Miss P.               |
|                                   | Harris, Mrs. L.                  |
|                                   | Kahn, Maurice                    |
|                                   | Katzel, Mrs. I.                  |
|                                   | Kolinsky, A.                     |
|                                   | Krohn, Mrs. A.                   |
|                                   | Laufman, G.                      |
|                                   | Rehmer, Miss Jennie              |
|                                   | Rich, Mrs.                       |
|                                   | Rocker, S.                       |
|                                   | Rubin, Dave                      |
|                                   | Shanman, M. D.                   |
|                                   | Silver, Rabbi A. H.              |
|                                   | Simon, A.                        |

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ZIONIST COMMISSION

ועד הציונים ללא"י

Aug. 19/19.

Mr. Epstein:

Please get bill from Mrs. Moskowitz (Al Aviv) covering charges for Dr. Silver & Mr. Skirball. Will you fill in amount on this check & pay bill & send receipted bill to Dr. A. H. Silver, The Temple, 55th & Central Aves., Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.A.

Hevri.

above bill amounted to \$53.

Have ~~forwarded~~ receipt today to Dr. Silver.

alex Epstein

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DEPARTMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES  
35 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK

September 24th, 1919

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The first meeting of the new National Executive Committee will be held on Sunday, October 5th, at 2 P.M. in the offices of Mr. Nathan Straus, 33 West 42nd Street, tenth floor. An agenda will be issued in the course of the next few days.

With best wishes for the New Year, I am

In the hope of the New Zion,

Very truly yours,

JACOB DEHAAS

Executive Secretary.

BJ/RDC



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## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

55 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK

November 2, 1919.

Rabbi Hillel Silver,  
c/o The Temple Cleveland,  
East 55th Street & Central,  
Cleveland, Ohio.



My dear Rabbi Silver:

We are informed that a community chest is being organized in Cleveland. From past experience, I know that if we are to have a part in the work for the benefit of the Palestine Restoration Fund, things will have to begin ~~at once~~ *humming* at once.

Will you please let me know what steps are being taken?

In the hope of the New Zion, I am

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

BJ:MR

*Handwritten notes and signatures:*  
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## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

55 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK

November 13, 1919.

Rabbi Hillel Silver,  
C/o The Temple Cleveland,  
East 55th Street & Central,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Under date of November 2nd, we wrote you that if the Palestine Restoration Fund is to have any benefit from the community chest which is being organized in Cleveland, work must be begun immediately. Up to date we have received no reply to our communication.

Will you please let me know what action is being taken in the matter.

In the hope of the New Zion, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Jacob De Haas*  
Executive Secretary.

BJ/MR.



November 13th, 1919

Mr. Jacob DeHaas,  
Executive Secretary,  
Zionist Organisation of America,  
55 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Mr. DeHaas,

In reply to your letter of the second instant, I wish to state that the local Community Chest is strictly limited to Philanthropic and Charity Organizations. Our local Federation is receiving an amount of \$288,000.00, and Jewish War Relief \$500,000.00. I feel reasonably sure that an appeal for a contribution to the Palestine Restoration Fund would not meet with much sympathy from the body of men who are in charge of this Chest.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,



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## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

55 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK

November 18, 1919.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
East 55th St. & Central,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I thank you very much for your letter of the 13th. Do you know that we got \$20,000. from the War Chest in Cincinnati and that we believe that the National Information Bureau is reporting sympathetically on this?

By the way, is there any possibility of your being able to detach yourself from your congregation, say, for one month, in connection with our Restoration Fund Campaign? It would be mighty helpful if you could undertake a month's tour.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Isidore Weiss*  
Executive Secretary.



Night Letter, New York, Nov. 19, 1919.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,

The Administrators and Finance Committee, will on Sunday, propose that we endeavor to raise at least \$10,000,000.00 for the 1920 campaign. The appeal is to be general and based on requirements for preparatory work in Palestine. If you will attend please ascertain and report local possibilities. If not able to attend write or wire your view.

Jack DeHaase.



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## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

55 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK

November 20, 1919

Rabbi Abba H. Silver  
c/o The Temple of Cleveland  
E. 55th St. & Central  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

You will note in the minutes of the National Executive Committee meeting of Sunday, November 9th, the report of the Finance Committee and of the action of the members present.

I am glad to inform you that not only was the sum mentioned at the foot of page 6 raised, but a considerable number of members have already paid these amounts. Would you please let me know what you can do in the matter? In general, the members are adopting one of the following courses: They are paying up any outstanding contribution due for the year 1919; making a special contribution to meet this emergency; advancing to the organization their 1920 pledge; and are engaging to raise a special sum within the next two weeks.

Your kind attention to this matter will greatly oblige.

In the hope of the New Zion,

Sincerely yours,

J DeH/GL.

*Ben Fuchs*  
Executive Secretary.



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RABBI A.H.SILVER

*[Handwritten signature]*

THE TEMPLE. EAST 55 ST AND CENTRAL CLEVELAND  
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RESTORATION FUND CAMPAIGN

JACOB DEHAAS



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## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

55 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK

January 18, 1920.

Rabbi Abba Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
East 55th Street,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Your telegram received. Judge Mack accepts the engagement and will reach Cleveland in time next Sunday to speak from your pulpit at 10:30.

In the hope of the New Zion, I am

Cordially yours,

*Jacob De Haas*  
Executive Secretary

RDC:MR



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DEPARTMENT  
EXECUTIVE

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES  
55 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK

February 9th, 1920.

Dr. Abba H. Silver,  
c/o Temple,  
East 55th Street,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed copy of telegram. Baker was wonderful last night. Nothing could have been finer. <sup>P</sup>Baker is already tied up for a dinner meeting on the twenty-second, but told me that he was to be in Cleveland again early in March though he did not remember the date. He will be willing at that time to attend the dinner. I told him you would get the leaders.

Unfortunately we could not get them last night. Our attendance was slim -- men and women together -- about a hundred, but the room was small and so it looked alright. He appreciated that he was not talking merely to those present but to the country.

You will be glad to know that despite obstacles -- the <sup>influenza</sup> caused the temple to be closed and Wise was to have spoken at Harrison's temple in the morning -- Wise in an inspiring talk raised over \$100,000 among the fur people in St. Louis last night.

I am endeavoring to get Daniels, together with you and myself for Baltimore on the evening of the twenty-second, but of course we are counting on you for the real speech.



ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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I hope things are going well in Cleveland.

With kind regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

*Julius* *Thoma*  
President

Encl.  
RDC:MR





## Zionist Society of Engineers and Agriculturists

Fifty-Five Fifth Avenue

New York City

February 12th, 1920.

Mr. O. H. Steiner,  
1251 West Third St.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Steiner:-

Referring to your favor of the 9th inst. relative to information of a branch of our Society in Cleveland.

Your questions as to the scope and the practical application of the work of our organization are indeed very much justified and, as promised in one of my previous letters to you, I shall endeavor to clarify this matter and hope that you will ultimately agree with us that our existence is more than justified, it is compelling.

In order to make our problem clearer to you, permit me to make a general statement. One of the effects of the great war has been the complete dislocation of great masses of Jews all over Central Europe and Russia. These people have suffered at the hands of both friends and enemies more than any other affected by the war. Their present need is great beyond any form of merely charitable relief. Their whole life must be reconstructed and the conditions of that reconstruction differ from the conditions that determine the reconstruction of any other of the peoples of Europe. These peoples are at least majorities in their own land and are not in religious conflict with their neighbors. The Jews are regarded everywhere as foreigners and are made the victims of religious and all other forms of prejudice. The consequence is that the only alternative to their extermination by pogroms and economic discrimination is migration. The lands of the Western World to which they might have migrated before the war are no longer hospitable as then and are likely to become less so. The only refuge for them which meets inter-national sanction and their own will, is Palestine. The certainty of a great migration to Palestine as soon as movement is possible stares humanitarians in the face.



## ZIONIST SOCIETY OF ENGINEERS AND AGRICULTURISTS

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Mr. O. H. Steiner

Feb. 12, 1920.

This movement must be controlled and prepared for. The Zionist Society of Engineers and Agriculturists has dedicated itself to the technical preparation of Palestine for the prospective Jewish migration.

Taking as its point of departure the Pittsburg Program, of which I herewith enclose a copy, it has organized with the view of establishing a Technical Board that shall make certain an economic and technological survey of Palestine as a center of Jewish settlement and shall prepare plans for the economic and efficient creation of this settlement along the lines outlined in the Pittsburg Program. The machinery which the Society proposes to make use of in carrying out its enterprise is modeled on the organization of the War Industries Board of the United States. This Board is to consist of five departments, viz.:

- (a) Agricultural
- (b) Public Utilities
- (c) Industrial Engineering
- (d) Construction Development
- (e) Labor and Education

The Board is to function like a general staff. It is to have periodic meetings to plan, as nearly as possible, to carry out a general research into the various conditions in Palestine and elsewhere controlling Jewish migration and the development of the Jewish Land on the basis of these researches to work out a comprehensive plan of settlement and expansion. The members of the Zionist Society of Engineers and Agriculturists are pledged to carry out in detail the plan of operation worked out in their general features by the Technical Board.

All the work that is being done, or is proposed, will, of necessity, have to be voluntary. It is, we hope, that it may be possible for us to secure a fund large enough to carry out an enterprise as completely as it should be. But whether such fund is secured will be largely dependent upon the personnel of the Board and the program it defines for itself.

As you see, the activities in which the Society has decided to engage, both practical and theoretical, are immense, and it will require the unreserved assistance and good-will of all the Jewish technical men of America to accomplish the desired results.

The Society is committed by its plan to proceed immediately with the sending of an engineering commission to Palestine, whose duty it shall be to coordinate the research work of the home organization and to jointly plan such agricultural, industrial, public utility and construction developments which are within the scope of the immediate Jewish settlement.

You are aware of the fact that more than one hundred thousand (100,000)



## ZIONIST SOCIETY OF ENGINEERS AND AGRICULTURISTS

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Mr. O. H. Steiner

Feb. 12, 1920.

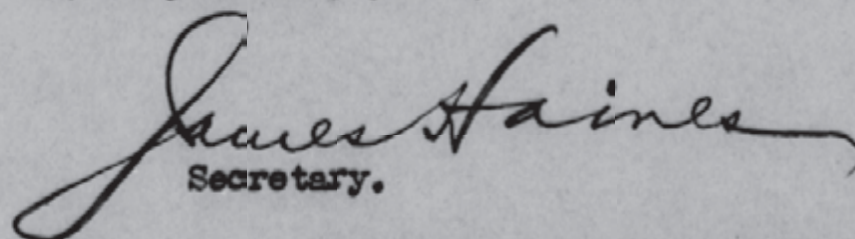
Jews are anxiously waiting at many ports of Europe for the first call, and as soon as the political difficulties will be cleared, these people will find an open door to Palestine; and it stands to reason that an influx of immigration of that magnitude, will be nothing but an adventure of the worst kind and, therefore, a catastrophe if the minds of the Jewish technical men of the world and, particularly, the minds of the American Jewish technical men who have had the good fortune of doing big things in the past are unwilling to lend their experience to this great task of colonization.

The Zionist Organization of the world has not, as yet, reached any agreement as to the policy of colonization, but inasmuch as our Society is not tinted by any political functionalism, the membership consisting of Zionists of all shades, it is for us immaterial at this moment as to what general principles will govern the settlement; and although as stated in a previous paragraph ~~that~~ our point of departure is the Pittsburg Platform, this does not in any way imply that, should the Pittsburg Program fail to find inter-national recognition at the Congress, the Zionist Society of Engineers and Agriculturists are to give up their efforts to help in the rehabilitation of the Jewish people. We have adopted the Pittsburg Program because, as technical men, same appeals to us very much as we find that the efficiency of production ~~of~~ the problem of distribution would be far better taken care of under ~~these~~ cooperative enterprises than otherwise, But this is our ultimate aim.

The chapters should become as active as the main office. By this we mean that any contribution of a technical character which is possible of being accomplished by some of the best trained men of a chapter should be forthcoming. There will be many a practical problem which the Technical Board, through its different department heads, will put up to all the members and those who are classified to deal with the respective problems are expected to cooperate voluntarily and in the best way they know how.

I believe that the above will give you a clear conception of the position which you and your friends have to take if you desire to assist us in the promulgation of our endeavor. I trust, therefore, that you will not hesitate to start in the work and that you will communicate with me for any additional information which, in your opinion, might be necessary in order to accomplish your work.

Very respectfully yours,

  
Secretary.

Enc.  
JH:CTP



## RESOLUTIONS BEARING ON PALESTINIAN POLICY.

In 1897 the first Zionist Congress at Basle defined the object of Zionism to be "the establishment of a publicly recognized and legally secured homeland for the Jewish people in Palestine." The recent declarations of Great Britain, France, Italy, and others of the allied democratic states have established this public recognition of the Jewish national home as an international fact.

Therefore we desire to affirm anew the principles which have guided the Zionist Movement since its inception, and which were the foundations laid down by our lawgivers and prophets for the ancient Jewish state, and were the inspiration of the living Jewish law embodied in the traditions of two thousand years of exile.

- 1st. Political and civil equality irrespective of race, sex, or faith, of all the inhabitants of the land.
- 2nd. To insure in the Jewish national home in Palestine equality of opportunity, we favor a policy which with due regard to existing rights shall tend to establish the ownership and control of the land and of all natural resources, and of all public utilities by the whole people.
- 3rd. All land, owned or controlled by the whole people should be leased on such conditions as will insure the fullest opportunity for development and continuity of possession.
- 4th. The cooperative principle should be applied as far as feasible in the organization of all agricultural, industrial, commercial, and financial undertakings.
- 5th. The fiscal policy shall be framed so as to protect the people from the evils of land speculation and from every other form of financial oppression.
- 6th. The system of free public instruction which is to be established should embrace all grades and departments of education.
- 7th. The medium of public instruction shall be Hebrew, the national language of the Jewish people.

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Adopted at Zionist Convention, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
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Dr. A. H. Silver,  
Rabbi, The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

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Dear Sir:

May I request your advice and opinion relative to the following proposition that has been submitted to me?

Following considerable correspondence with the 'Zionist Society Of Engineers And Agriculturalists', making inquiries as to the nature and purpose of the organization, I have been asked to consider the advisability of organizing a Cleveland Chapter of said Society.

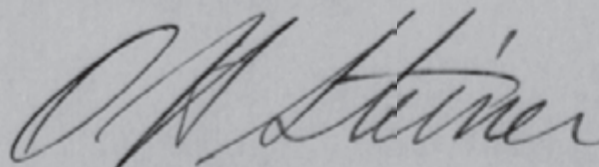
Undoubtedly you are acquainted with the organization. I am enclosing a letter received from Mr. James Haines, Secretary, in answer to several questions dealing with the status of the Society.

My personal views on Zionism are summed up in the fact that I am keenly desirous of assisting in any manner possible toward alleviating the misery of our people. If this organization possesses the capacity for handling in a practical manner the problems which apparently exist, I should consider it a privilege to lend my every effort toward assisting in the work.

I beg your indulgence in this matter inasmuch as my obvious ignorance of the status of this Organization is due to the fact that I have not been particularly interested in the political phases of the Zionist movement. Now that the plan has taken on a practical aspect, however, I again wish to pledge my services in assisting our brethren to better their deplorable condition.

Awaiting the pleasure of hearing from you, I am,

Very sincerely yours,



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March 2nd, 1920

Mr. O. H. Steiner,  
Fuerst, Friedman Co.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Steiner,

I should be very happy to have you  
drop in to see me some time, when we can dis-  
cuss the matter of the Zionist Society of  
Engineers more in detail.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



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NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD SUNDAY  
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JACOB DE HAAS

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telegram, Friday, April 16th, 1920

Regret I cannot attend the meeting on Sunday.

(Signed) A. H. Silver



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JACOB DEHAAS

633PM



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REPLY TO DEPARTMENT

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April 29th, 1920

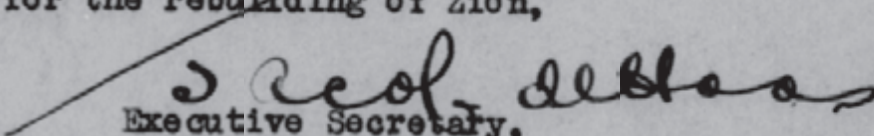
Rabbi Abba H. Silver,  
c/o Temple,  
E 55th Street & Central Avenue,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Some of us who have been deeply stirred by the action of the San Remo Conference feel that the best expression that we can find of our joy and satisfaction is by giving a thanks offering to the Restoration Fund.

I would welcome your answer in the form of a gift as well as any opinion, so that we may know whether we are justified in issuing a personal letter to the same purpose to everyone of our fellow-Zionists throughout the country.

Yours, for the rebuilding of Zion,

  
Executive Secretary.

deH/SB



DUPLICATE

Name Silver Rabbi R.  
Address 90 The Temple - E. 55 St.  
District of #16 Cleveland - Ohio

# Delegate's Card

DUPLICATE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

Name Rabbi R. Silver

Address 90 The Temple - E. 55 St.

District of #16 Cleveland - Ohio

has been duly accredited a delegate to the Extraordinary Convention of the Zionist Organization of America, to be held in New York City.

MAY 9 and 10, 1920.



Louis Epstein

Secretary for Organization



JACOB W. MACK  
209 EAST SIXTH STREET  
CINCINNATI

May,  
10th,  
1920.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
c/o Temple 55th & Central Ave.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My Dear Rabbi Silver:-

Since our conversation over  
the long distance phone, I find that we can get  
the Emery Auditorium for the 17th-18th-19th and  
31st.

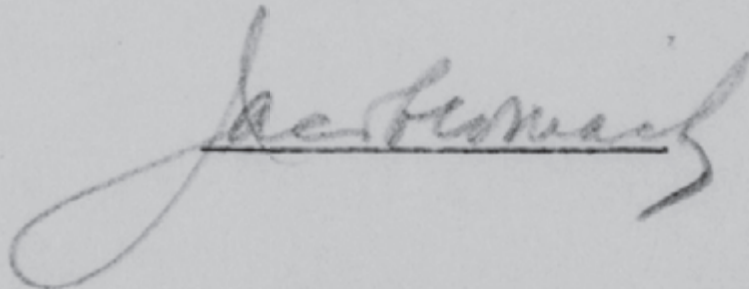
It is impossible to hold the Mass  
Meeting on the 17th; therefore wired you that our  
plans were being arranged for May 31st, and that you  
~~were~~ <sup>are</sup> to be the speaker of the evening.

Mr. Fechheimer is in New York  
at present but upon his return home in a few days,  
will make all the detailed arrangements.

Mrs. Mack as you probably know,  
underwent an operation at the hospital last Saturday  
and while the operation was indeed serious, she is  
doing as well as can be expected.

With kindest regards

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jacob W. Mack", written over a horizontal line.



May 15th, 1920

Mr. Jacob W. Mack,  
209 East Sixth Street,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Mack,

I am in receipt of your letter of the tenth and note that you are arranging a meeting for the 31st of May. That is satisfactory. Please let me know future developments.

With kindest regards and trusting that Mrs. Mack is rapidly recovering her health, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,



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# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

PUBLICITY DEPARTMENT  
 A. H. FROMENSON, DIRECTOR

55 FIFTH AVENUE

New York

TELEPHONE STUYVESANT 8140

CABLE ADDRESS: ZIONISTS

*corrected  
 copy mailed  
 May 25/20*

May 25th, 1920.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
 c/o Temple,  
 E. 55th Street and Central Ave.,  
 Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver:

I am enclosing you a copy of the speech you delivered at the second day's session of the extraordinary convention. Will you be good enough to look it over and make such corrections as you may desire? All the Hebrew phrases you used were omitted of course, and I should like to have you fill them in (if you remember them).

May I ask you to return this within a day or two as I should like to send it out to the Anglo-Jewish papers all over the country, many of whom are clamoring for it.

Yours for the rebuilding of Zion,

*Samuel Fromenson*

Secretary to Mr. Fromenson.

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## Zionist Society of Engineers and Agriculturists

Fifty-Nine Fifth Avenue

New York City      May 27th, 1920.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,  
c/o Temple,  
East 55th St. & Central Ave.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The Zionist Society of Engineers and Agriculturists has for some time past realized that in order to be helpful to a great extent to the Zionist Cause, it is absolutely essential to be in close contact with the Zionist Organization of America, thus facilitating the solution of problems involved in the reconstruction work of Palestine.

Prompted by the above motive, this Society has decided at its last special conference to become part and parcel of the Zionist Organization of America, after a lengthy debate as to whether the technical co-operation which our members could render to the Zionist Cause will be more beneficial by maintaining its character of absolute independence or by becoming an integral part of the Organization.

This was given expression in the attached resolutions which we are asking you to kindly consider, as in our opinion they propose to answer a real necessity, although implying some changes in the present status of the Zionist Organization of America.

Our Conference has resolved, right or wrong, that the proper place to bring these resolutions before, was the Extraordinary Convention. But, as the Resolutions Committee and the Chairman of the Convention have again and again insisted that our resolutions are of a local nature, and that at best they are to be taken up by the National Executive Committee, we are ready to bring same before the members of this Committee.

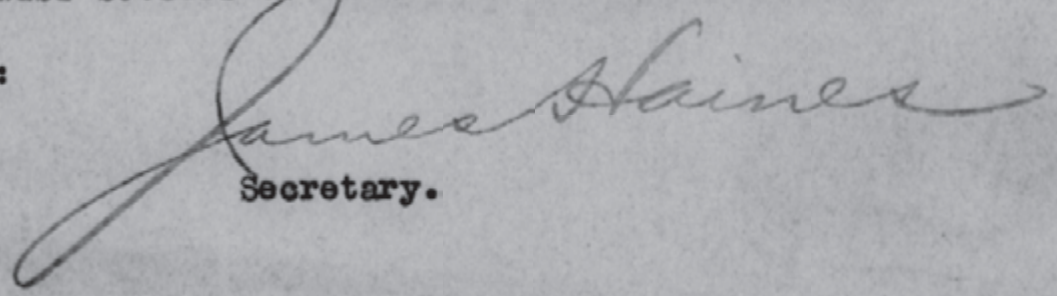
At a recent meeting, our Executive Board decided to forward the enclosed resolutions to each member of the National Executive Committee in order to give them time to study and get acquainted with the situation.

Believing that the above recommendations will prove to be the best way of utilizing the Jewish engineering and agricultural knowledge and ability for the Zionist Cause, we urge your consideration of these resolutions.

Yours, for the Rebuilding of Zion,

ZIONIST SOCIETY OF ENGINEERS AND AGRICULTURISTS

PER:

  
Secretary.



RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED BY THE ZIONIST SOCIETY OF ENGINEERS AND AGRICULTURISTS AT THE EXTRAORDINARY CONVENTION OF THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA, MAY 9 - 10, 1920, NEW YORK CITY.

WHEREAS the Zionist Society of Engineers and Agriculturists founded in 1917 for the purpose of combining such members of the Zionist organizations who are technically trained men to more efficiently and effectively assist in any plans for the colonization of Palestine; to be mutually helpful to each other and to promote technical research in general among its members, and

WHEREAS the Zionist Society of Engineers and Agriculturists, at present a body of five hundred technical men recognizing the extraordinary opportunities now presenting themselves in giving technical advice and service to the Zionist Organization of America and believing such service can best be given as a part integral of the mother society, have in convention extraordinary resolved to present the following resolution for adoption by the Zionist Organization of America at their extraordinary convention now to convene.

RESOLVED that this convention of the Zionist Organization of America, recognizing the need of technical help in the numerous problems arising in the colonization of Palestine, directs its National Executive Committee to admit the Zionist Society of Engineers and Agriculturists into the Zionist Organization of America as a technical department, which, although retaining its general organization and purposes, becomes a part of the Zionist Organization of America, directed by that organization in its general policies, its activities with reference to the technical problems arising in the colonization of Palestine, and with reference to the financial needs of such a technical department.



2.

RESOLVED that this convention instructs its delegates to the International Conference at Carlsbad to recommend the creation of a permanent Technical Commission in Palestine which shall be directly responsible to the International Zionist Organization. That all Zionist, engineering, agricultural or technical organizations anywhere, be invited to place themselves at the disposal of such a technical commission in Palestine and that all reports, plans and any other technical matters dealing with the colonization and reconstruction work of Palestine shall be submitted before such a technical commission for consideration and recommendations.

3.

The Zionist Society of Engineers and Agriculturists recommends to this convention that a Technical Bureau be established in Palestine in advance of the establishment of an International Technical Commission, so that the Technical Bureau can collect desirable data and information necessary to permit the Zionist Organization of America, and through it the Zionist Society of Engineers and Agriculturists, to work more promptly on immediate problems in the colonization of Palestine.

4.

RESOLVED that this convention instructs the National Executive Committee to include in its present Palestine Committee and in every committee, when found desirable, technical men recommended by the Zionist Society of Engineers and Agriculturists, so that technical problems arising can be quickly referred to technical men organized to assist most correctly, economically and promptly in the colonization plans of the Zionist Organization of America.



5.

RESOLVED that it is the sense of this convention that among the American delegation sent to the International Conference at Carlsbad, be included technical men as delegates for the purpose of giving technical advice should such problems arise at the International Convention. The Zionist Society of Engineers and Agriculturists stand ready at the request of the Zionist Organization of America, to make recommendations for the appointment of such technical men.





May 28th, 1920

Miss Fannie Samovitz  
Zionist Organization Headquarters,  
55 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Miss Samovitz,

Enclosed please find  
corrected copy of the remarks which I made  
at the Convention in New York.

With kindest regards, I  
am  
Very sincerely yours,



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JULIAN W MACK ,

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EXECUTIVE

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES  
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August 31st, 1920

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
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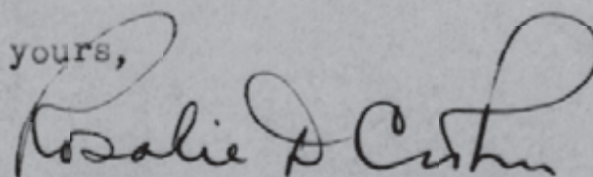
My dear Rabbi Silver:

Judge Mack who is leaving New York tonight,  
requests me to acknowledge your telegram to him.

Your notice about the meeting of the Executive  
Committee was sent to you last Monday, August 23rd and we, therefore,  
cannot understand why it was not received by you in time. Undoubtedly  
it was held up in the mails.

Justice Brandeis and Mr. de Haas reported <sup>at the meeting</sup> but there  
will be another meeting of the Executive Committee, September 29th  
and 30th at which meeting the Committee will discuss at length the  
London Conference. Mr. Flexner and Prof. Frankfurter along with  
some other members of the delegation are expected to be in America  
by that time.

Sincerely yours,



Secretary to Mr. de Haas.

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