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Zionist Organization of America, 1924.

April 1st, 1924.

Dr. S. Bloomberg,
1552 Center Avenue,
Pittsburg, Pa.

My dear Dr. Bloomberg,

I think that it will
be possible for me to address a mass
meeting during the convention of the
Zionist Organisation of America in
Pittsburg on Sunday, January 29th.

With kindest regards
to our mutual friends, permit me to
remain

Very sincerely yours,

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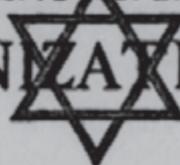
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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA



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114 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

Louis Lipsky

April 21, 1924.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 55th St. & Central,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

On behalf of the Administrative

Committee I am authorized to invite you to attend
and to speak at the massmeeting which is to be held in Pittsburgh
in connection with our Annual Convention on
Sunday evening, June 29th.

Hoping that it will be possible
for you to accept this engagement, I am

Very cordially yours,

Louis Lipsky

Chairman
National Executive Committee.

LL/M

April Twenty-second
1924

Mr. Louis Lipsky,
Chairman National Executive Committee,
115 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Mr. Lipsky,

I shall be pleased to address the
Mass Meeting to be held in Pittsburgh, in
connection with the Annual Convention, on
Sunday, June twenty-ninth.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

The St. Louis Zionist District

Rabbi Samuel Sale, Com. & Chief	A Goodman, Sec'y of Treas.
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April 30, 1924.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
55th and Central Avenues,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

It was with great disappointment that the Zionist Club of this City could not secure the pleasure of having your good self to initiate our membership during the month of May, as requested in the wire signed by Rabbi Samuel Sale.

Owing to the fact that your engagements are usually scheduled for months in advance, the Board of Directors of the Zionist Club, at their meeting held April 29th. at the Statler Hotel, expressed extreme desire to communicate with you in an effort to have you come during the month of September for the opening of our fall activities, or at any time you may select to suit your own convenience. It is hardly necessary for us to state how very anxious and desirous we are of having you again in St. Louis. We know of no equal to take your place and your address would bear not only rich fruit, but influence, such as we are seeking in our organization.

Please accept our invitation, and spare your good self for another wonderful address in St. Louis, such as we had the pleasure of hearing three years ago.

Very sincerely yours,

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May 19, 1924.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
 55th and Central Aves.,
 Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

On April 30th. we extended to you a cordial invitation to address the Zionist Club in this City during the month of September. We regret that up to the present writing we have not had the pleasure of your reply.

As stated to you in our previous communication, we are extremely anxious to have the honor of your coming to St. Louis to address our Club, which now comprises 600 members. We need a man of your standing and influence to inspire us, and we are purposely endeavoring to allow sufficient time between now and September in order to make your coming a certainty. Any expenses in connection with your trip will be cheerfully reimbursed.

Will you please let us hear from you at your earliest possible convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

CHAIRMAN, ENTERTAINMENT.

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June 11, 1924.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 55th St. & Central Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

First, allow me to congratulate you on the occasion of your return to our ranks in that splendid and active manner you have done it. I was really happy to hear of your success at the great meeting in Carnegie Hall, first, because your success is our success and secondly, because of yourself personally.

I am enclosing herewith a memorandum which is the result of investigations and close study I made while I was in Palestine, of conditions there. I have already presented this memorandum to the World Executive, and Dr. Weizmann was in full accord with the views expressed therein.

I prepared only a limited number of copies of the memorandum and I am glad to send you one as I would like to hear your opinion on it.

Will you be good enough to write me at your convenience on your reaction towards this memorandum? If you have anything to suggest, I would gladly welcome it.

Very cordially yours,

Abraham Goldberg

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LOUIS LIPSKY.



June Nineteenth, 1924

Mr. Abraham Goldberg,
Zionist Organization of America,
114 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Mr. Goldberg,

Permit me to thank you for
your kindness in sending me your memorandum
on your reactions concerning conditions in
Palestine. I read it with a great deal of
interest and should like to discuss some of
the things with you when we meet in Pittsburgh.

With kindest regards, I am

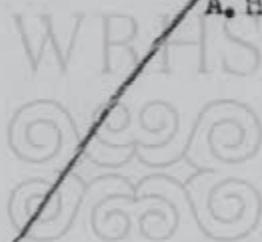
Very sincerely yours,

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Louis Lipsky,
Zionist Organization of America,
New York City.

Will probably not be able to attend
many sessions of the convention. Must therefore
decline election as delegate.

A. H. Silver.



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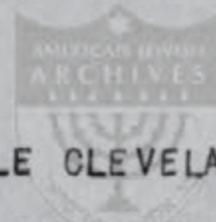
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ORGANIZATION PLEASE WIRE ACCEPTANCE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

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NEUMANN LOUIS TOPKIS MORRIS ROTHENBERG HERMANN

CONHEIM JACOB SIEGEL BORIS GRABELSKY BERNARD

A ROSENBLATT

Ans. July 1st, 1924 - 12:15

To Louis Lipsky,
William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh

are they?

How many Vice Chairmen are there to be and who

(Signed) A. H. Silver

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July 11, 1924.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE;

A meeting of the Administrative
Committee will be held on Tuesday evening, July
15th, at eight P. M., at the home of Mr. Morris
Rothenberg, 49 St. Marks Place (near Second
Avenue) New York City.

Very cordially yours,-

Weisgal
Meyer W. Weisgal
Secretary.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING -- JULY 15, 1924.

Held at the home of Mr. Conheim

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PRESENT: Judge Rosenblatt in the Chair; Miss Szold; Messrs. Conheim, Goldberg, Kaliski, Rothenberg, Tannenbaum, Topkis, Siegel, and Weisgal, secretary. By invitation, Messrs. Blitz and Rubinowitz.

The secretary presented the excuses of Mr. Weister, Treasurer, who was unable to attend the meeting.

CONSTITUENT ORGANIZATIONS ON N.E.C.

Miss Szold called attention to an error in the minutes of the last meeting of the Administrative Committee with reference to the representation of constituent organizations on the National Executive Committee. It was decided that the recommendation of the Administrative Committee, as reported in the last minutes, that such representation be on the basis as last year, be submitted to the National Executive Committee for ratification.

HERZL MEMORIAL MEETING

With reference to the Herzl Memorial meeting on July 22nd, it was decided that the Office Committee be authorized to complete the arrangements, and the Chairman be asked to invite Dr. Stephen S. Wise to address the meeting.

HERZL DIARIES IN PAMPHLET FORM

The secretary presented a letter from the Menorah Journal in which the proposal was made that the Zionist Organization reprint, in pamphlet form, Marvin Lowenthal's articles on the Herzl Diaries. It was decided that Miss Szold, Mr. Goldberg and Mr. Weisgal take the matter under advisement and if it is found feasible, reprints should be made at a cost not exceeding \$150.00.

COMMITTEE ON PLANS

With reference to the cooption of Mr. Senior Abel on the Committee on Plans and Adjustments, it was decided that Mr. Abel be consulted on all matters relating to the Jewish National Fund.

EMERGENCY COMMITTEE ON JEWISH REFUGEES

Acting on the decision of the last meeting of the Administrative Committee, Messrs. Goldberg and Rothenberg were appointed on the Emergency Committee on Jewish Refugees as representatives of the Organization.

MR. RUBINOWITZ OF PALESTINE

Mr. Rubinowitz, Palestinian botanist, present at the meeting, presented some specimens of his famous collection of Palestine flowers and outlined to the Committee the purpose of his visit to America. After a thorough discussion, it was decided that while recognizing the immense propaganda value for Palestine of Mr. Rubinowitz's work, the Organization was not in a position at this time to assume any further financial obligations. It was also decided to appoint a committee to make proper arrange-

ments for the exhibition of these Palestinian flowers; the committee to devise means whereby Mr. Rubinowitz would be able to obtain and while in this country.

The following were appointed on the committee: Miss Szold, Abraham Goldberg, Dr. D. Kaliski, David Tannenbaum, Louis Topkis.

REPORT OF PALESTINE BUREAU

Conservatory of Music: Mr. Goldberg, reporting for the Palestine Bureau, stated that in accordance with a decision of the last meeting of the Administrative Committee, he consulted with a number of persons interested in the promotion of the Conservatory of Music for Palestine. He was satisfied, from the opinions received, that the work this committee is endeavoring to do is highly commendable; that its aim was to raise half a million dollars in the musical profession; and that inasmuch as the committee was eager to accept advice and guidance from the Zionist Organization, he recommended that the endorsement given to this work by the Convention be not withdrawn.

Clark Touring Agency: Mr. Goldberg reported that he had conferred with the Clark Touring Agency which is now arranging a tour which will include six days in Palestine, something which has heretofore not been done. He also reported that the Clark Agency has given instructions to its representative in Palestine that no favoritism be shown to any one group, and that Christian, Mohammedan and Jewish guides and motorists be given equal opportunity.

Miss Szold pointed out the importance of instructing the lecturers who accompany the tourists to present Palestine in the proper light so as to attract as many tourists as possible for Palestine. Some of these lecturers have hitherto given tourists a wrong impression of Palestine, resulting in the refusal of many tourists to include Palestine as part of their itineraries.

Mr. Rosen of the J.D.C. Mr. Goldberg reported that he had conferred with Mr. Rosen, agricultural expert of the J.D.C., who was ready to go to Palestine in August and investigate matters. He was not certain, however, as to whether August was the best time to go and he therefore asked the advice of the committee. If conditions in Palestine prove satisfactory to him, Mr. Rosen will probably return to the country after he will have completed his report on the Crimea for the J.D.C. The committee suggested that Mr. Goldberg advise Mr. Rosen to proceed to Palestine.

Chaluzim movement in America: Mr. Goldberg reported on the progress of the Chaluz movement in America; eight young men have expressed their desire to work on farms in America to prepare themselves for Palestine. After a conference with Mr. Maze, of the Agricultural Aid Society, arrangements were made by the latter for these young men to be employed on a tobacco plantation in Connecticut where they will prepare themselves for tobacco growing in Palestine.

It was suggested by Mr. Conheim that if possible these young men should be given employment in Virginia where tobacco culture is similar to that in Palestine.

Commercial Bulletin: With reference to the bulletin for the promotion of commerce and industry in Palestine, Mr. Goldberg stated that he was unable to collect any definite data on the subject, but he would render

his report to the next meeting.

1925 MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

Mr. Blitz presented a series of plans in connection with the 1925 membership campaign. He stated that with the proper arrangements, the Organization should be able to get forty thousand regular and two thousand sustaining members, of which ten thousand regular and 750 sustaining should come from New York. He therefore proposed that the Administrative Committee authorize the establishment of a New York bureau, at a cost of about \$7500 a year.

After a thorough discussion, in the course of which Miss Szold opposed the idea of a membership campaign, believing that membership work should not fall under the category of campaigns but should be a continuous effort, and Mr. Siegel expressed the opinion that the financial condition of the Organization did not warrant any additional expense at this time, it was decided that the whole matter be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration, which shall report back to the Administrative Committee for final action.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Siegel reported that the Finance Committee, at its first meeting on Tuesday evening, preceding the meeting of the Administrative Committee, elected him Chairman and Mr. Maltin secretary; and that a complete report of its work will be submitted to the Administrative Committee.

JEWISH SOCIAL WORKERS

Miss Szold reported that she was present at the conference of Jewish Social Workers, and that inasmuch as the work this conference intends to do is of vital importance to the work of the Zionist Organization in Palestine, she suggested that the Organization be represented on this conference.

It was decided that Miss Szold be appointed the representative of the Zionist Organization with power to coopt such others of the Administrative Committee as she may deem necessary.

NEXT MEETING OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

It was decided that the next meeting of the Administrative Committee be held two weeks hence.

ADJOURNED

Meyer W. Weisgal
Secretary.

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August 11, 1924

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

We are now making arrangements for an intensive membership drive next Fall with a view of substantially increasing the Zionist membership of the country. This year's increase in membership has encouraged District officers to continue their efforts for the strengthening of the Organization so that we may be entitled to a large representation at the next Zionist Congress.

The membership campaign in Minneapolis will be conducted under the chairmanship of Mr. Julius Fligelman. The committee plans to open the drive on Monday, October 27th with a worker's rally at noon and a mass meeting in the evening. Mr. Fligelman writes to us as follows: "Our membership drive is assured of success if Rabbi Silver of Cleveland will address our worker's rally and our mass meeting on Monday, October 27th. We want to prepare our posters and other publicity items as soon as possible and therefore urge you to secure Rabbi Silver's consent without delay. If for any reason, he cannot be with us on October 27th, we will change the date of the opening of the campaign to suit his convenience."

I trust that it will be possible for you to grant this earnest request of the Minneapolis committee and that you will also find it convenient to address a number of other meetings in the Middle-West in connection with the membership campaign during the Fall.

Trusting you will give this matter your favorable consideration and thanking you for an early reply, I remain with Zion's greetings

Cordially yours,

Samuel Blitz
Director

SB/FR

Boston

Dedham, Mass.

August 12, 1924.

My dear Rabbi Silver,

It was a great pleasure and
satisfactory to receive your expression
of interest and encouragement in the
tasks I have undertaken here in my
home town.

I am sure you will not omit Boston
from your New England visit next
winter and if you find it possible to
come to Dedham on a Monday evening
I can assure you of an audience of at
least six hundred.

This community needs, more than
some Boston suburbs - plain talks about
straight thinking and efficient living.
Some of us who were at Temple Israel
and Ford Hall are sure you can do us
much good.

With sincere thanks and high anticipation

I am

Very sincerely yours,

159 Court St - Dedham.

Walter F. Ellis

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WATERBURY, CONN.

August 14th, 1924.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As vice president of the Connecticut Zionist Regional Union and chairman of the Waterbury Zionist District, I have the honor of extending to you an invitation to address a mass meeting in Waterbury which will be held on Sunday evening September 14th, 1924., at the conclusion of the final session of the convention of the Regional Union, comprising Connecticut and Rhode Island, taking place here that day.

To this convention there will probably come very many Zionists who have but recently entered the ranks and were it known that you will be present, there would undoubtedly be attracted, hundreds of Zionists and Non-Zionists from all points in the State who would welcome an opportunity to listen to you and if you were to deliver an address, for instance, such as the one you delivered in Pittsburg, it would indeed be a wonderful and inspiring occasion for these many new Zionists who must listen to a cultural talk such as you are gifted to deliver, to be thoroughly, completely and steadfastly won over to the cause, it would have the additional effect of bracing up the veterans and stir them into greater activities. Your coming to Waterbury on this occasion to address this mass meeting which will be attended by certainly not less than one thousand persons would result in a great deal of instructive and constructive good, benefiting both our people and our Homeland to an extent that would more than justify any effort necessary on your part or inconvenience that may be caused you.

Assuring you that every word in this letter has been written in absolute sincerity and that no over-estimating has been made of your value to our convention and urging you to please accept our invitation, I will conclude by saying, We need your personality at this convention" and by asking you "Won't you please accept".

In the hopes of a speedily rebuilt Zion, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Chas. Rosengarten

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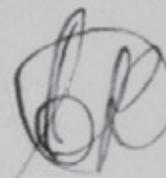
ODD FELLOWS BUILDING
WATERBURY, CONN.

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August 14th, 1924.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

P. S. We will of course reimburse you for such expenses
you may incur by visiting us.



*Re
Minneapolis*

August Fifteenth
1924

Mr. Samuel Blitz,
Zionist Organization of America,
114 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Mr. Blitz,

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of August eleventh. I regret exceedingly that it will not be possible for me to go to Minneapolis on October 22nd, or at any time in the Fall. I refer you to the letter which I wrote to Mr. Neuman, in which I explained the situation here in detail.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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August 18, 1924.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 15th and also of your letter addressed to Mr. Neumann, from which I note that due to contemplated activities of the Temple, you will be unable to come East during September and October, but that you might arrange to visit New York in the interest of Young Judaea during the month of November.

As the Zionist District in Minneapolis will be glad to adjust the opening day of its membership campaign to your convenience, I trust that you will kindly consent to visit the city on Monday, November 3rd, should you find that you cannot leave Cleveland in time to visit Minneapolis on Monday, October 27th.

We have received numerous requests for your presence but will, of course, not consider anything but events of major importance such as the Minneapolis membership campaign, the success of which your visit will determine.

Hoping you will favor us with an early reply of acceptance for either October 27th or November 3rd, and thanking you for your kind cooperation, I remain

With Zion's greetings,

Sincerely yours,

Samuel Blitz
Director

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TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE
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AT THE
WILLIAM PENN HOTEL
JUNE 29TH, 30TH, - JULY 1ST, 2ND
CONVENTION COMMITTEE HEADQUARTERS
1851 CENTRE AVENUE
PITTSBURGH, PA.

August 22, 1924.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 55th Street and Central
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We feel ill at ease in not reimbursing you for the expense you incurred on your visit to Pittsburgh to speak at the Zionist Convention Mass Meeting on June 29th at the Syria Mosque. If you will let us know what your expenses were, we shall be only too glad to send you a check by return mail.

Thanking you very kindly for your cooperation in making our Mass Meeting a brilliant success, we are

In the Hope of Zion Rebuilt,

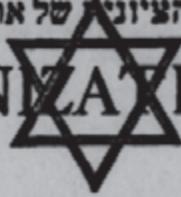
Yours sincerely,

A. M. Ress

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CHAIRMAN CONVENTION COMMITTEE

ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA



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August 22, 1924.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:

A meeting of the Administrative Committee will be held on Tuesday evening, August 26th, at 8 o'clock, at the home of Mr. Herman Conheim, 265 West 90th Street, New York City.

This meeting will have for its consideration the first part of the Report of the Committee on Plan and Scope, the Plan for Coordination having been acted upon at the last meeting. In addition to that a number of very important matters are on the agenda that have been pending for some time, including the recommendations of the Organization Department with reference to the membership campaign; the report of the Finance Committee, which Mr. Siegel, the Chairman, expects to submit at this meeting. The A. C. will also have to decide on the agenda for the next meeting of the National Executive Committee which is being called for Sunday, September 7th. You are therefore urgently requested to be present and on time.

Very cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Meyer W. Weissal'.

MEYER W. WEISSAL
Secretary, Administrative Committee.

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RABBI ABBA HILLE SILVER

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WE MUST HAVE YOUR PRESENCE AT OUR ZIONIST REGIONAL CONVENTION AND MASS MEETING CONVENTION WILL BE HELD EITHER SEPTEMBER FOURTEENTH OR TWENTY FIRST SUBJECT YOUR CONVENIENCE MUCH OF THE SUCCESS AND ATTENDANCE DEPENDS UPON YOUR COMING PLEASE WIRE ACCEPTANCE AND DATE THEREBY RENDERING CAUSE A REAL SERVICE

CHAS ROSENGARTEN

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August Twenty-eighth
1924

Mr. Charles Rosengarten,
Odd Fellows Building,
Waterbury, Conn.

My dear Mr. Rosengarten,

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of August fourteenth. I wish I were in a position to accept the invitation that you extend to me, but regret that it will be impossible for me to leave Cleveland at the time you mention. We have just completed the construction of our New Temple and plan to hold the Dedicatory Services during the week of September 14th.

Trusting that at some future time I may be in a position to serve you, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Collect Wire

August 28th, 1924.

Mr. Chas. Rosengarten,
Waterbury, Conn.

Sorry cannot leave Cleveland September or
October. Completing new Temple building.

A.H. Silver.



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August 28, 1924.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
c/o The Temple,
E. 105th St. at Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

No doubt absence from the city has delayed your reply to my letter of recent date, with reference to Minneapolis Membership Campaign.

The Minneapolis Committee has again written to us that it is important for them to have a definite answer in order to enable them to make adequate preparations. They are willing to fix the opening date of the Campaign to suit your convenience, although Monday, October 27th or Monday, October 23rd are the days preferred by the local Committee.

The Minneapolis Zionists will be very happy to hear of your acceptance and I trust that you will favor me with your reply at your early convenience, so that we may complete arrangements accordingly.

Thanking you for your kind cooperation, I remain with Zion's greetings

Sincerely yours,

Samuel Blitz
Director.

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MINNEAPOLIS AWAITING YOUR ACCEPTANCE OCTOBER TWENTY SEVENTH

OR NOVEMBER THIRD PLEASE WIKE DATE PREFERRED

ZIONIST OF ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN

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ROSENGARTEN & TRAURIG, INC.
GENERAL  INSURANCE
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ODD FELLOWS BUILDING
WATERBURY, CONN.

November 25, 1924.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Some time ago you wrote me stating that you hoped some day in the near future to avail yourself of an opportunity to address a Zionist meeting in Waterbury.

On January 11th, we plan to open our K. H. Campaign and it was voted by the committee that I write you and extend you an invitation to address us at that time. We have been given a quota of \$9,000. and we feel that if we had your personality in this effort at that time we will surely go over the top.

Our community although comparatively small boasts of a fine Jewish and Zionist sentiment and many have expressed a very keen desire that we make every effort possible to get you to come to our city this winter. Our past performances along these lines have certainly been such as to justify, that the wishes of a large number of those who desire to hear you, be gratified. If the date of the 11th is inconvenient to you we would be pleased to change same to suit your convenience.

Should you feel that you would like to have a request come from the K. H. Bureau in New York, we of course will then communicate with Emanuel Newman and have him make such a request of you.

I hope that you will find it convenient to satisfy us with a favorable reply.

Sincerely yours,

Chas. Rosengarten

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November Twenty-ninth
1924

Mr. Chas. Rosengarten,
Odd Fellows Building,
Waterbury, Conn.

My dear Mr. Waterbury,

I thank you for your kind letter of the twenty-fifth and for your renewed invitation to address a Zionist meeting in Waterbury. I cannot, however, accept it at this time. I am still very much overburdened with work and obligations to speak and I shall find it impossible for the remainder of this season at least, to add to my schedule.

If at some future time I am in the vicinity of Waterbury, with time to spare, I shall be glad to get in touch with you.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

[undated]

MEMORANDUM ON PLAN AND SCOPE OF YEAR'S WORK AND PROPOSALS
FOR COORDINATION

Introductory Notes The objectives for the coming year should be clearly defined in order that Zionists may concentrate their efforts upon certain designated activities, to the exclusion of other activities which do not merit our support, or are for the present beyond our ability to carry on.

The following year it is proposed to engage in the following works:

1. KEREN HAYESOD -- \$3,000,000 (?)
11. JEWISH NATIONAL FUND -- \$300,000 (?)
111. HADASSAH -- \$225,000 (?)

(Note--This provides for an increase of \$50,000 for hospital work for the H.M.O. over and above the present hospital budget.)

IV. SOME INVESTMENT PROJECT

(Note: The possibilities here are three):

1. Another American Zion Commonwealth Campaign (?)
2. A new project, such as the United Colonies Loan which Judge Rosenblatt had in mind, or
3. The Investment Corporation of the Marshall Group.

In any case, we should attempt only one of these three, and neither the American Zion Commonwealth Campaign nor the United Colonies Loan should be launched without previous consultation with the Investment Corporation.

V. YOUNG JUD ARA.

No increase in membership, but the intensification of its work and the further increase in the subscription lists of the circulation of the Young Judaean Magazine.

Young Judaea will have to conduct a small campaign to raise about \$25,000, which would require the moral support of the Organization, and some cooperation on the part of our administrative machinery. No definite decision on Y.J. should be taken until Y.J. has submitted a memorandum regarding its plans.

VI. ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Introductory Notes The activities of the Z.O.A. in the narrower sense of the term, that is, the work which is not already included under items 1., 11., 111., 1V., and V. above, will require considerable attention. Progress must be made chiefly in two directions:

- A. A great increase in the numerical strength of the Organization, and
- B. Cultural activities.

B. Cultural activity.

It is impossible to maintain interest in the organization if the membership work is to be the only interest. A determined effort must, therefore, be made along cultural and intellectual lines. The following are the suggestions that have been considered by the Committee.

1. The Districts should be encouraged to engage in cultural activities, including social and recreational activities. This requires direction from the central office. Among the possibilities are:

- a. A Palestine Exhibit to be sent around the country.
- b. Lecture tours.
- c. Dramatic readings.
- d. Concerts, etc.

There is good talent available for such purposes. This work should be organized under the direction of a Committee to be appointed by the Executive or Administrative Committee of the E.O.A., and if necessary, the Committee should be provided with a small sum of money with which to initiate the work during this year, this money to be used either for a modest amount of secretarial service, or other service that should be found necessary.

2. The publication of a Zionist literary monthly, or a literary monthly supplement of The New Palestine. The second would probably be the less expensive and a modest way to begin. Such a literary supplement should be printed only in limited quantities, to be sent only to those who subscribe to this specially.

The Committee is not prepared to recommend such publication at this time, but propose that the matter should be referred to the editors of The New Palestine, for further study, with the request that they submit a report on this matter at some future time.

3. A Zionist Publication Society. This is urgently needed. Besides the obvious direct benefit to the readers of the books that will be published, it will give the readers a piece of work somewhat different from the usual Zionist routine.

It should be possible to secure in the first year about 5,000 subscribers at \$5 a year. It will probably also be necessary to secure additional capital of about \$10,000. This will probably assure the experiment for a period of two years, at the rate of about three books a year.

The Committee recommends that a sub-committee be appointed of those interested in this project, for the purpose of canvassing the situation, first with reference to utilizing existing agencies and also to determine what support could be found in Zionist circles for such a project.

4. With regard to the membership, it will be necessary, in view of the coming Zionist Congress, that the strength of the American Organization should be raised to at least 100,000. On the basis of the present plans, it will scarcely be possible to raise the total much above fifty or sixty thousand, including the Hadassah and the Order Sons of Zion. It is therefore proposed that a new group membership be institu-

ted, whereby congregations, fraternal organizations, and other groups may join as a body.

In order that this membership may be more than merely nominal, we should have them pay more than a shekel, say one dollar for each member. This would enable us to pay the Shekel and give the members, if not The New Palestine, at least some bulletin,—perhaps a monthly issue of The New Palestine which it is planned to bring out in cooperation with the Keren Hayesod. Ten thousand such members would yield ten thousand dollars, of which twenty-five hundred dollars would go for the Shekel; another thirty-five hundred would cover the cost of the monthly publication. The balance would defray the expenses of enlisting this membership. Such membership groups, once enlisted, would give the Keren Hayesod a foot-hold for its campaigns, and thus compensate the Keren Hayesod for a loss which will follow from the fact that the Keren Hayesod will not be able to continue, as has been done in some cases, to secure contributions from organizations, which, in turn, tax their members one dollar or thereabouts. On this basis, it may be possible to enroll, say, sixty thousand regular members of the Organization, Hadassah, and Order Sons of Zion, plus an additional forty thousand of the group members.

In this connection, a special effort should be made to launch the Movement to enroll young Zionists, consisting of groups of senior Young Judaea clubs or former members of such clubs, and other young people between the ages of 18 and 25. That this can be done has been demonstrated by the organization of the Junior Hadassah. While this effort is under way, no attempt should be made to revive the I.Z.A.

5. Efforts should also be made to strengthen and extend the work of the Palestine Bureau. Not only should the Palestine Committee be strengthened and a definite program adopted, but what is more important, the districts should be given definite tasks to do in carrying out the plans of the Palestine Bureau. As an illustration I will take the subject of tourists, which is fraught with great importance to the future of Palestine. In the first place, the tourist movement should be stimulated. In the second place, it should be regulated. In the third place, proper tabbing should be kept on the tourists returning from Palestine, and the Palestine Zionist Executive informed. In the fourth place, the coming and going of the tourists should be utilized for propaganda purposes; and in the fifth place, the tourists should be prepared to make substantial investments in Palestine by the power of suggestion.

There are various other activities which our districts can engage in under the Palestine Bureau, but they will require guidance, specific and detailed instructions, etc. I believe that this represents a great field of work which requires careful organization.

6. Publications. A determined effort will have to be made to secure advertisements, particularly for The New Palestine, through the combined economic power of all the affiliated organizations, aside from direct aid to The New Palestine in the form of advertisements or other features by the affiliated organizations. Unless this is done, it will undoubtedly become necessary to make vigorous economies in the publication of these periodicals. An effort should also be made to combine the Hadassah monthly bulletin with The New Palestine.

To recapitulate, the work of the Zionist Organization proper for the coming year will resolve itself under the following heads:

1. Regular membership enrollment.
2. Enrollment of group membership.
3. "Palestine Work".
4. Educational and cultural work for the Districts.
5. Launching the Zionist Publication Society.

There are other activities which suggest themselves but which cannot be engaged in at this time unless special funds can be provided for such purposes by wealthy people. Among such activities, for example, is that of Zionist propaganda among non-Jews (political work). In such work the Districts could participate very effectively. The work would include an attempt to educate Zionistically the members of Congress, of State Legislatures, and other public officers, newspaper editors, the clergy, etc. But this, as well as the I.Z.A., and the other departments will have to wait, for the time being.

COORDINATION

Introductory Note: Together with the positive recommendations there is implied a negative decision, namely, that activities not officially endorsed as part of the program for the year's work do not call for the cooperation of the active Zionists, the districts, the Keren Hayeed Committees, etc. For instance, the Committee attempting to raise funds for the erection of the musical conservatory in Palestine should be discouraged from making a public appeal, or attempting to enlist the cooperation of our membership. If they have a special clientele whom they can approach, well and good. If not, the project will have to wait until we are in a position to take on this added burden. The same will hold good for other similar enterprises.

When we have succeeded in effecting proper coordination among the activities represented on this floor, the next step will be to draw in the other Zionist activities not here represented, for example, the work of the Order Sons of Zion, as well as other Palestinian activities that are not of a strictly Zionist character, such as various campaigns for the support of the institutions of the old Yishub, etc.

For the present, all these questions are left out of consideration, and attention is centered upon our own immediate problem.

The operations of all our organizations in this country involve an expenditure of at least \$800,000, and probably more. The savings, with better coordination, even of minor importance, would probably amount to tens of thousands of dollars. Moreover, the purchasing power represented by so large an annual expenditure, can be utilized to attain corresponding benefits to one or more of the organizations or institutions involved. For example, we may be able, by this means, to secure additional advertisements for The New Palestine and reduce somewhat the deficit of the Z. O. A., and enlarge and improve The New Palestine.

1. FUNCTIONAL COORDINATION AT THE NATIONAL OFFICE

There are types of service that can be performed for all the organizations involved at a reduced cost. For example, publicity, ~~which~~ purchasing of supplies, printing, etc.

11. COORDINATION IN THE FIELD

This may be achieved by the following means:

- A. Uniform geographical divisions for all Zionist agencies.
- B. In each Region one Regional Office to serve as the clearing-house for all Zionist and Palestinian activities. Through such a clearing-house, conflicting dates of campaigns, duplications, etc., would be avoided.

- C. Fixed overhead charges of the Regional Offices should be pro-rated among the organizations using these offices. All other expenses should be charged to the particular organization or department for which the expenditures were incurred.
- D. For this purpose a separate and individual agreement should be entered into by the organizations concerned in the case of ~~whisk~~ each of the Regional Offices in order that differences in the local situation be taken sufficiently into consideration.
- E. The relations now existing between the National Office of the Keren Hayesod and the Regional Offices are to remain undisturbed.
- F. In connection with each Regional Bureau a joint office committee may be established consisting of local representatives of the organizations concerned so that the interests of all may be properly safeguarded. Those differences that cannot be adjusted by these office committees will be referred to national headquarters for settlement.

111. JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Since many of the suggestions made above will require considerable study, negotiation, etc., it is proposed that a new body be created to be known as a Joint Administrative Council to consist of one representative of each of the following organizations: Zionist O.A., K. H., J.N.F., Hadassah, American Zion Commonwealth, Young Judaea, plus the head of the joint publicity department and general office manager if such general office manager is appointed, plus a chairman to be designated by agreement between the Administrative Committee of the Z.O.A. and the Administrative Committee of the Keren Hayesod. Members of this Joint Administrative Council should be office executives and in daily contact with the work.

A Joint Administrative Committee to be made effective would require the services of a secretary. It should be given a rather wide latitude. All questions involving technical considerations, schedules of campaigns, ~~stxxx~~ personnel, etc., should be, as far as possible, referred to it and its recommendations taken into careful consideration by all the organizations concerned.

1V. NATIONAL COORDINATION OF CAMPAIGNS

- A. A general policy should be adopted, namely, that wherever it appears possible to combine two or more campaigns so that the income of none shall be adversely affected, such a combination should be made. (There are, of course, a sufficient number of institutions whose collections in the nature of things cannot be combined.)

- B. The first attempt should be made in the case of the Keren Hayesod and the J.N.F. somewhat along the following lines: J.N.F. retains right to collect independently Flag Day and Flower Day appeals, Golden Book entries, stamps, collection boxes, etc.; the K.H. is to receive intact all income from drives up to a specified sum, let us say, two million dollars a year. Of the income which would be received above that sum the J.N.F. is to be assured a certain minimum, after which the proceeds would be divided between the K.H. and the J.N.F. according to a percentage arrangement to be fixed by agreement between the two.
- C. An effort should also be made to solve the problem of coordinating K.H. and Hadassah campaigns. The matter should not be left altogether to the discretion of local committees. This question will, however, require further study, and it is hoped that with patience and good will a working arrangement could be reached here too.
- D. When agreement has been reached on the campaigns which are to be conducted during the year and the quotas assigned, the full strength of the publicity and propaganda for all the organizations combined should be centered on these efforts to the virtual exclusion of all other appeals and collections so that our workers may work in peace without being harassed by numerous demands upon their time and energy.