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114 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK

September 1, 1925.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The arrival in this country of Prof. William E. Rappard, member of the Permanent Mandates Commission of the League of Nations, is being taken as an opportunity by the Administrative Committee to express to him our appreciation of the lively and friendly interest which he has taken in Zionist ideals. In particular, his recent statement before the Institute of Politics at Williamstown, Mass., was one which Zionists everywhere will regard as a valuable contribution to our movement.

A private luncheon is being tendered to Prof. William Rappard by the Administrative Committee, and we take pleasure in cordially inviting you to be present. The luncheon will be held on Friday, September 11th at the Ritz Carlton Hotel, Madison Ave. & 46th St., New York, and will begin at 12:30.

Enclosed find a card on which please indicate your intention to be present. May I add that if you should be able to attend, as I hope you will, please be there strictly on time.

Very cordially yours,

*S. Bernstein*  
Dr. S. Bernstein  
Acting Secretary

SB/RW  
Encl.



MINUTES OF MEETING OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

September 2, 1925 -- at Zionist headquarters

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PRESENT: Mr. Publick in the chair; Messrs. Fierst, Rosensohn, Samuel, Topkis and Dr. Bernstei[n], Acting Secretary.

By invitation: Messrs. Blitz and Maltin.

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advance on account of Shokol Expenses.

#### LETTER FROM HADOAR.

A letter was read from the Hebrew Weekly, Hadoar, in which its editor draws attention to the financial straits in which the paper finds itself. The letter states that unless immediate help is forthcoming, a serious situation may arise resulting in discontinuation of publication. On the ground of the resolution passed at the last Zionist Convention at Washington, that the paper be granted a subvention of \$2500, the editors request that a certain amount of money be given them on account, to meet the printers bills in order that the editors may continue to issue the paper.

Mr. Maltin suggested that the Zionist Organization get in touch with the printer and adjust the matter with him on behalf of Hadoar. Mr. Topkis proposed that the adjustment shall take the form of a payment of \$625, covering three months' subvention which the Hadoar is entitled to in accordance with the resolution passed at the Washington Convention and that arrangements be made with printer accordingly.

It was decided to instruct Mr. Maltin to communicate with the printer and act accordingly.

#### PALESTINE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE.

Dr. Bernstein submitted a news item which was published in the press to the effect that the British Consulates will be deprived of the right to issue visas to so called "Capitalists." Dr. Bernstein added that he has received a number of calls from Zionist Districts and individuals, who are very much concerned over the matter.

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Mr. Dublick remarked that according to a cable received from the Zionist Executive in Palestine the latter is negotiating with the Palestine Government and has promised to cable the results to America. After all, there is no official information on the subject, merely a newspaper report issued by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Mr. Dublick proposed that a letter be sent to Dr. Weizmann, informing him that American Zionists are concerned over the matter and asking his advice as to the feasibility of taking such steps as proposed by Mr. Rosensohn and Mr. Samuel.

Mr. Bublick's motion was accepted and the Acting Secretary was instructed to write to Dr. Weismann accordingly.

#### J.D.C. CONFERENCE IN PHILADELPHIA.

A letter was read from Mr. Irving Leventhal of Philadelphia stating that a number of Zionists who were invited to the J.D.C. Conference held a preliminary meeting at which they decided to form themselves into a group which shall guard the interests of Palestine during the proceedings of the Conference. This group is seeking the guidance of American Zionist leaders and their views on the matter.

Dr. Bernstein presented the following cable sent by Mr. Weisgal on behalf of the American delegation abroad:

"GENERAL ATTENDANCE JDC CONFERENCE PHILADELPHIA IMPOSSIBLE BUT SILVER WISE WILL ATTEND IMPORTANT YOU COMMUNICATE WITH THEM. URGE GETTING LEADING ZIONIST COMMUNITIES EASTERN STATES TO BE PRESENT AND TO RAISE ISSUE. INFORM TOPKIS, ARCHIBALD SILVERMAN, ROSENBERG MILWAUKEE, STONE BOSTON, AND OTHERS. FIGHT MUST BE CONDUCTED IN SUCH WAY AS NOT TO PREJUDICE FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS. URGE ADOPTION NATIONAL EXECUTIVE RESOLUTION"

Mr. Elitz reported that he entered into negotiations with Mr. Baruch Zuckerman, an official of the J.D.C., who stated that the Joint is prepared to extend an invitation to the conference to every person, whom the Zionist Organization will recommend. Mr. Elitz drafted a list of about 150 names, which he submitted to Mr. Zuckerman.

Mr. Elitz further stated that Mr. Zuckerman, obviously acting in conjunction with Mr. David Brown, suggested that representatives of the Z.O.A. should again meet Mr. Warburg and his friends prior to the Conference. He is under the impression that they are inclined to come to an understanding with the Zionists. Mr. Zuckerman believes that the J.D.C. is prepared, in principle, to recognize the just demands embodied in the resolution passed by the National Executive for the priority of Palestine in Colonization matters.

Mr. Bublick suggested that before any decision is taken in the negotiations with the J.D.C., members of the Administrative Committee should see Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Rabbi Silver, who, according to Mr. Weisgal's cable, are in a position to give us important information and messages with regard to the opinion of our friends abroad.

Mr. Topkis reported that he had a conference with a group of friends in Atlantic City, all of whom are prominent Zionist workers, who were invited to attend the Conference at Philadelphia, and they too decided to act in accordance with the policy which the Zionist group at the conference will adopt.

It was decided in accordance with the cable received from the American delegation abroad, to send a letter on behalf of Administrative Committee to all Zionists invited to the Conference at Philadelphia, urging them to make every effort to attend the Conference in view of the fact that it is necessary to organize all forces for the purpose of safeguarding the interests of Palestine reconstruction work.

It was further resolved to invite Dr. Wise and Rabbi Silver to the next meeting of the Administrative Committee and to decide on the feasibility of meeting representatives of the J.D.C. prior to the Conference, with regard to reaching an understanding.

COMMITTEE TO MEET DR. WISE

It was suggested that in view of Wise's election as Vice-Chairman of the Greater Actions Committee, a committee be appointed to meet him at the pier on his arrival in New York.

It was decided to request the Chairman, Mr. Dublick, and the Acting Secretary Dr. Bernstein, to form such a committee, with power to coopt members of the Keren Hayesod and other Zionist bodies.

ADJOURNED.



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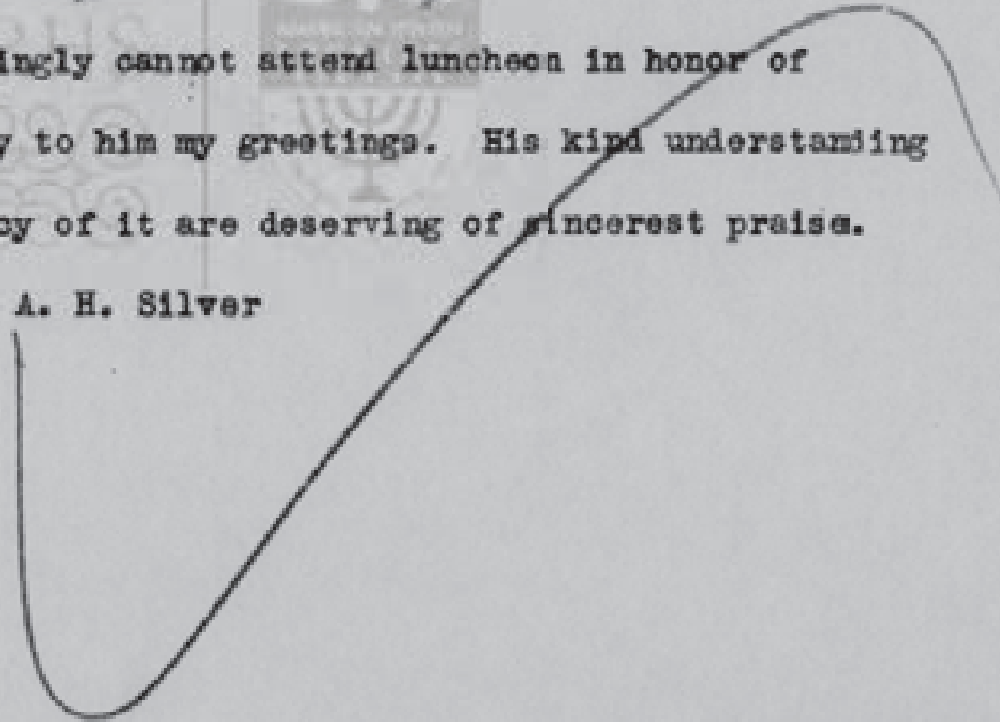
Paid Day Letter

Cleveland, Ohio, Sept.10, 1925

Dr. S. Bernstein,  
Zionist Organization of America  
114 Fifth Avenue  
New York City.

Regret exceedingly cannot attend luncheon in honor of  
Prof.Rappard. Please convey to him my greetings. His kind understanding  
of our cause and his advocacy of it are deserving of sincerest praise.

A. H. Silver





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Summary of the

MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

From July 27 to September 16, 1925.

Since the last meeting of the Executive Committee, on July 26, the Administrative Committee had nine meetings - on July 27 and 30, August 3, 12, 19 and 26, September 2, 8, 16. The Administrative Committee considered the following matters:

J.D.C. AND URINEA COLONIZATION PLAN

At the meeting of July 27, Miss Saeid, Chairman, reported that the Executive Committee at its meeting on July 26, adopted and reaffirmed the resolution referred to it by the Convention in Washington, with reference to the 15 million dollar campaign to be launched by the Joint Distribution Committee. In spite of the attempts she had made to present to the members of the National Executive Committee the reasons why the Administrative Committee had resolved that no action be taken on the matter pending the return of our delegates from the Congress, the Executive Committee meeting could not be persuaded to adopt a policy of waiting.

A lengthy discussion ensued, participated in by Mr. Rothenberg, Mr. Bublick, Mr. Weisgal, Mr. Neumann, Mr. Fishman, Mr. Rosenblatt, Mr. Friedland, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Grabelsky and Mr. Weinstein. Mr. Rothenberg and Mr. Bublick criticized the members of the Administrative Committee who had spoken for the resolution, notwithstanding the recommendation of the Committee to refrain from action at the present. Mr. Weisgal, Mr. Neumann, Mr. Grabelsky and Mr. Samuel did not believe that the discussion by the N.E.C. members was in opposition to the Administrative Committee recommendation. Mr. Samuel believed that the action proposed would be a great help. Mr. Fishman believed that the resolution might turn out to be a blessing in that it would compel the Zionists to take a definite stand in the matter. Mr. Weinstein was of the opinion that the resolution of the N.E.C. places the Administrative Committee in a precarious position and he believed that it would be best to postpone the carrying out of the resolution.

Mr. Neumann reported that from a conversation which he had had with Mr. David A. Brown in Detroit a few days ago, he received the impression that some of the leading persons within the J.D.C. are inclined to consider an allocation of a considerable amount for Palestine purposes. He also received the impression that the J.D.C. might agree to such a solution in order to come to an understanding with the Zionists. Mr. Neumann thought that a memorandum, outlining the principles and motives of the resolution adopted by the National Executive Committee should be forwarded to the J.D.C., which may lead to opening of negotiations.

Mr. Rosenblatt stated that it was his duty to explain the meaning of the words: "priority of Palestine". It actually means a demand of 50% of that part of the collected funds which will be allocated for colonization purposes. Such a demand would be understood by every Jew and Zionist. Should the J.D.C. reject that demand then we have a just popular cause to fight for.

It was decided to send a cable to Mr. Lipsky outlining the situation.

It was further resolved to draw up a memorandum to be sent to the J.D.C. setting forth the demands and the point of view of the Zionists on the matter.



At the meeting of July 30, the Chairman read the following reply received from Mr. Lipsky:

"Weismann informed your cablegram July 29. Pending Weismann Marshall conference Geneva and probable Congress development strongly urge delay Crimean action which would fatally prejudice probable peaceful solution. Deprecate without reservation any publicity action National Executive Committee decision. Whole Zionist Executive concurs."

Mr. Neumann then reported on a second conversation which he had had with Mr. David A. Brown. The suggestions made to him by Mr. Brown are embodied in the following cablegram which Mr. Neumann sent to Dr. Weismann:

"Saw Brown. He suggests twenty percent of total drive for Palestine allocation by agreement Zionists avoiding injury Keren Hayesod. Suggests you cable Warburg who leaves New York Friday vacation. Advise you cable Warburg immediately urging favorable consideration suggestions American Zionists in order to strengthen your hands efforts unity harmonious co-operation producing also favorable impression Congress."

Mr. Rothenberg then said that since his first meeting with Mr. Brown, at which Miss Szold and Mr. Rosenblatt were also present, he had reason to believe that the forthcoming campaign of the Keren Hayesod might be greatly endangered by the J.D.C. campaign as Mr. Brown proposed launching it. He had felt it his duty to confer with Mr. Warburg on this matter. The latter had assured him that nothing would be done during the J.D.C. campaign which might hurt the Keren Hayesod collections. At Mr. Rothenberg's request, Mr. Warburg had agreed to give this assurance in writing and such a letter has already been received by Mr. Rothenberg.

Mr. Neumann then suggested that the Administrative Committee appoint a committee to call upon Mr. Warburg, as Chairman of the J.D.C., and present to him the resolutions of the National Executive Committee.

With regard to the suggestion that pressure be used on the J.D.C. in order to secure an allocation of certain money for Palestine, Mr. Rothenberg expressed the fear that such action would be interpreted by the public as our consent to the Crimea colonization plan. Mr. Dublick and Mr. Fishman disagreed with Mr. Rothenberg.

It was finally decided that the following committee be appointed to see Mr. Warburg; Miss Szold, Messrs. Dublick, Neumann, Fishman and Rothenberg.

At the meeting of August 3; Mr. Neumann submitted the following report of the conference with Mr. Warburg, which was held at the latter's office on Friday, July 31:

"Miss Szold presented the resolution adopted by the National Executive Committee of the Zionist Organization of America urging the prior claims of Palestine in any colonization program.

"It was also said that in a conversation between Mr. Brown and members of the Zionist Committee the question was put to Mr. Brown as to what was the program of work underlying the appeal for \$15,000,000 and the probable distribution of funds. Mr. Brown had suggested that Mr. Warburg be seen with regard to that.

"Mr. Warburg referred to difficulties which he had experienced in dealing with the Zionist Organization and referred to various incidents as illustrative of that fact. He also referred to a cable which he had just received from Dr. Weizmann urging favorable consideration of suggestions which might emanate from the Zionist Organization of America, in order to bring about harmonious cooperation and inquired whether the Zionists had specific demands to make.

"The Zionist representatives said in reply that while they had no detailed recommendations to offer at this time, they were anxious to learn the views of leaders of the J.D.C. with reference to the Zionist position; that in the colonization program of the J.D.C., Palestinian colonization in the broad sense of the term should be recognized as the most significant and hopeful effort thus far made in the field of Jewish colonization.

"Mr. Warburg stated that no definite allocation of the expected income of the drive had been made and that while the Russian colonization project would undoubtedly be included, neither amounts nor proportions had been fixed. As for other appropriations, they would be made by the Joint Distribution Committee from time to time to meet those demands which appeared most urgent. He did not favor including any fixed sum or percentage for work in Palestine; and he felt that if such an arrangement could be put through (which he did not consider possible), it would result in serious loss of funds, because many of the large contributors would object to being obliged to contribute toward Palestine or to any Zionist funds, and would therefore withhold their support.

"He was therefore proposing that funds be secured for Palestine in connection with the forthcoming drive by inducing a number of wealthy contributors to designate part of their contributions for the Palestine Economic Corporation; Mr. Warburg would personally set an example by designating \$100,000 for the general relief program, including the Crimean colonization, and an equal sum to be designated for the Palestine Economic Corporation.

"Further discussion brought out more fully the attitude of both sides on the question.

"At the conclusion of the conference, Miss Ssoli summarized as follows:

- 1) The colonization project would constitute an important part of the J.D.C. program but that no definite decisions have been reached with regard to fixed proportions either for this project or other parts of the J.D.C. program.
- 2) Mr. Warburg thought it unlikely that any fixed sum or proportion would be included in the program for Palestine although he would not say that such an arrangement was absolutely precluded.
- 3) Any appropriations which the J.D.C. might make for Palestine would not be in the form of contributions to the general Zionist funds, but made to meet specific pressing needs as they arose.
- 4) The representatives of the Zionist Organization were not requesting any contribution from the income of the Relief Campaign to the Keren Hayesod, and they had no more specific suggestion to offer at this time other than that expressed in the resolution, namely, recognition of the priority of Palestine, so far as colonization work was concerned.

It was decided to inform Mr. Lipsky and Dr. Weismann, by cable, of the conversation with Mr. Warburg.

It was further decided that, since the first part of the instructions given the Administrative Committee by the N.E.C., namely, the presentation of the resolutions to the J.D.C., had been carried out, it now remains to inform the districts. Accordingly, it was decided to address a letter to the districts, quoting the resolutions adopted by the Executive at its meeting on July 26.

At the meeting of August 26; Reports were submitted to the Administrative Committee that the Zionist District in Milwaukee is negotiating with Mr. David A. Brown with a view toward launching a joint drive for the Keren Hayoacod and J.D.C. Mr. Blitz reported that a similar situation has arisen in the Zionist Districts of Cincinnati and Portland and that there is a possibility of more districts coming to such a situation.

It was decided to inform the Zionist District in Milwaukee that under no circumstances should it negotiate for a joint drive until the Zionist attitude is clear and until the Conference of the J.D.C. in Philadelphia is concluded. It was further resolved to inform Mr. Lipsky by cable of the situation, urging him and other leaders to be present.

At the meeting of September 2; Dr. Bernstein presented a cable sent by Mr. Weisgal on behalf of the American delegation abroad, stating that general attendance of the American delegation at the conference would be impossible, but that Rabbi Silver and Dr. Wise would attend. The cable urged that leading Zionists be present at the conference, but that the discussions at the conference be so conducted as not to prejudice further negotiations.

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At the meeting of September 8; Dr. Wise and members of the Jewish Congress were present. Dr. Wise expressed his views on the colonization project, similar to those he expressed at the Congress.

A general discussion ensued, participated in by Mr. Tierst, Mr. Dublick, Mr. Carl Sherman, Dr. Rongey and Mr. Shulman.

It was decided to stand by the call issued to the Zionists to attend the Conference at Philadelphia and to call a caucus meeting in Philadelphia of all delegates opposed to the colonization plan, to be held at the close of the session on Saturday evening, September 13.

Mr. Shulman stated that the Z.O.A. as such was not invited to the conference, and that the Zionist delegates are participating in the conference not as members of the Z.O.A., but as individuals.

At the meeting on September 16; Dr. Bernstein presented a report of the proceedings of the J.D.C. conference in Philadelphia.

At the conclusion of the report, the following resolution was adopted: After hearing the report of the proceedings at the J.D.C. Conference in Philadelphia on Sunday, Sept. 13, and the resolution subsequently adopted, the Administrative Committee is of the opinion that the main purpose for which all Zionists have striven, namely the avoidance of a break in the Jewish Agency plan, has been achieved with the resolution adopted.

It is the unanimous opinion of this meeting that this satisfactory outcome is due chiefly to the untiring and vigorous stand taken at the conference by Dr. Stephen S. Wise. The Committee therefore desires to express its gratitude and appreciation for the splendid services rendered by him.

#### NEW IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE

At the meeting of July 27; Dr. Bernstein reported on the new immigration ordinance shortly to be enforced in Palestine. He said that many points from the Jewish point of view, give reason for dissatisfaction and even alarm. Especially is this the case in regard to the point that the British Consuls will not according to the new law, have the power to issue visas to those travelers who come under the category of "capitalists" and tourists immediately upon their proving that they comply with the necessary requirements, but the intending travelers will have to apply for a visa in writing to the chief Immigration Officer in Jerusalem a procedure which will take months of waiting.

It was decided to send the following cable to the Zionist Executive in Jerusalem:

"New Immigration ordinance seems deprive Consuls right issue visas applicants capitalists or tourists stop would consider it great calamity for whole Zionist work in America Cable results."

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It was decided to write to Dr. Weizmann accordingly.

#### MR. JAFFE'S PROTEST TO PRESIDENT COOLIDGE.

August 19: Dr. Bernstein reported that a news item had appeared in the daily press of New York with reference to a communication sent to President Coolidge by Mr. Louis M. Jaffe, Chairman of the Bensonhurst Zionist District, protesting against the anti-Jewish riots in Vienna, as a result of which he, Dr. Bernstein, was interviewed by representatives of some New York papers (Evening Journal and Post) as to whether the above mentioned protest was undertaken with the approval of the Zionist Organization of America. Dr. Bernstein informed the press representatives that the Zionist Organization of America had nothing whatever to do with the action of Mr. Jaffe, who sent the protest solely on his own initiative and responsibility.

The Administrative Committee approved Dr. Bernstein's statement to the press and instructed him to write to Mr. Jaffe drawing his attention to the fact that in a case of such importance, action should not be taken by a responsible Zionist without previous consultation with the Administrative Committee of the Zionist Organization of America.

#### REQUEST OF LANDSMENSHAFTEN IN PALESTINE.

August 19: The Acting Secretary read letters from the Society of Homler Landsleit in Tel-Aviv and from the Vitobsker Landsmenshaft in Palestine, in which the Zionist Organization of America is requested to address an appeal to the Landsmenshaften of the same name in America to contribute to the funds for the bringing over of their Landsleit, who are either in Russia or stranded in European ports, to Palestine.

It was the unanimous opinion of those present that to address such an appeal in behalf of these bodies is not compatible with the principles of the Zionist Organization.

#### LETTER FROM SIR HERBERT SAMUEL

August 26 The Acting Secretary presented a letter from Sir Herbert Samuel. Dated August 15, expressing gratitude for the resolution in his honor adopted by the Zionist Convention at Washington. The letter concludes: "I am very proud

the policy which I have pursued has won the approval in general of the Zionist Organization of America, to whose activities and generous support the progress which has been achieved in Palestine is in large measure due.

#### LUNCHEON IN HONOR OF DR. RAPPARD

September 2: Dr. Bernstein reported that the appointed committee consisting of Messrs. Rublick, Samuel and himself had seen Dr. Rappard on Thursday, September 27 at the Hotel Baltimore and had had a very friendly conversation with him. Dr. Rappard spoke in glowing terms of Dr. Weizmann and expressed surprise that the Orthodox Zionists withheld their vote of confidence in him. He asked for various information concerning Zionist affairs and was answered by the members, mainly by Mr. Rublick. Dr. Rappard was visibly pleased with the invitation to be the guest of honor of the Zionist Organization at the luncheon on Friday, September 11th, at the Ritz Carlton Hotel.

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During the past month the Administrative Committee has also dealt with

regular routine affairs of the Organisation; including Shekel accounts, Hadassah membership, the preparations for a Congress mass meeting, the Avukah, Student Zionist Federation, the inauguration of the 1926 membership campaign, etc.





Cleveland, Ohio, Sept.17th, 1925

Samuel Blitz  
114 Fifth Avenue  
New York City.

Regret exceedingly cannot be in New York  
October twelfth.

A. H. Silver



Presidency  
of the  
Zionist Actions Committee  
- - - -

10, Place Edouard VII,  
Paris, Sept. 21, 1925.

To the Members of the Actions Committee.

Mr. Rabbi Hillel Silver  
New - York

*Adm. Secy.*  
*Delissac* *Antyk*  
*Paris*

Gentleman,

The last Zionist Congress has referred to the A.C. a number of very important problems which make imperative the calling of a Session of that Committee in the near future. Even in Vienna, immediately after the Congress, and in the interval of time elapsed since, many members of the A.C., from Eretz-Israel, Europe and America, have made different proposals concerning this matter.

From the various proposals and suggestions made, it results that this Session, desired by everybody, cannot take place before the latter part of October. There is also great divergence of opinion as regards the place where this Session should be held.

In order to ascertain, as far as possible, the exact opinion of the members of the A.C., regarding the matters just referred to, I am applying to you, as well as to the other members, with the following questions:

- 1) What would be the most convenient time for you to come to the Session of the A.C.,
  - a) The second half of October, or
  - b) The first half of November?
- 2) Which of the places named below do you prefer for the Session?
  - a) London,
  - b) Paris,
  - c) Berlin, or
  - d) A place in the vicinity of Trieste (perhaps Abbazia), which place was proposed by some Palestinians.

I would urgently request that you please send your reply by cable, and beg to remain,

With Zion's greetings, Very truly yours,

Address for reply:  
Mr. Leo MOTZKIN, (Z.A.)  
10, Place Edouard VII,  
Paris, France.

*L. Motzkin*

# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

## SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES

FOR THE PERIOD OF JUNE 1st TO SEPTEMBER 30th, 1925

AND CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET AS OF SEPT. 30th, 1925.

MEMBERSHIP Z.O. . . . .	\$ 27,916.44	
<u>SHEKEL:-</u>		
Hadassah . . . . .	\$ 9,541.05	
C.S.Z. Accrued . . . . .	1,661.72	
Shekel Payers (Campaign) . . . . .	11,907.50	
<u>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP &amp; SHEKEL. . . . .</u>	\$	\$ 51,626.71
<u>OTHER INCOME:-</u>		
New Palestine. . . . .	\$ 2,560.30	
Dos Yiddishe Folk. . . . .	2,414.47	
Periodical Subvention. . . . .	12,893.94	
Miscellaneous Income . . . . .	2,027.21	
<u>TOTAL OTHER INCOME . . . . .</u>		\$ 19,895.92
<u>TOTAL INCOME JUNE 1ST TO SEPT. 30th</u>		\$ 70,622.63
Less Shekel Accrued. . . . .		18,007.05
<u>NET INCOME . . . . .</u>		\$ 52,615.58
<u>EXPENDITURES:-</u>		
Executive Department . . . . .	\$ 14,501.60	
New Palestine. . . . .	23,862.43	
Dos Yiddishe Folk. . . . .	10,247.11	
* Organization . . . . .	18,321.01	
General Administration . . . . .	14,085.43	
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURES . . . . .</u>		\$ 81,017.58
Deficit for the Period . . . . .		28,102.00
" reported May 31st. . . . .		48,287.38
" D.Y.F. May 31st. . . . .		7,083.33
<u>TOTAL DEFICIT SEPT. 30th 1925. . . . .</u>		\$ 83,472.71
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<u>ASSETS:-</u>		
Current. . . . .	\$ 20,145.74	
Adv. on Account of Shkolim . . . . .	7,306.93	
Fixed. . . . .	26,121.82	
<u>TOTAL ASSETS . . . . .</u>		\$ 53,574.49
<u>LIABILITIES &amp; RESERVES:-</u>		
Accounts Payable . . . . .	\$ 9,667.42	
Loans Payable. . . . .	4,000.00	
Notes Payable. . . . .	85,525.43	
Reserves and Pending Items . . . . .	16,757.63	
D.Y.F. Accounts & Notes Payable. . . . .	10,096.71	
J.O.T. Adv. for Shkolim . . . . .	11,000.00	
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; RESERVES . . . . .</u>		\$137,047.19
<u>DEFICIT AS PER OPERATING STATEMENT .</u>		\$ 83,472.70

\* Includes Shekel Campaign — \$6,020.73

PRESIDENCY  
of the  
ZIONIST ACTIONS COMMITTEE

Z.O.A - Actions Comm.

10, Place Edouard VII  
Paris, 2/X/ 1925

Rabbi Aba Hillel SILVER Esq.,  
New - Y o r k

To the Members of the Actions Committee.

Fellow Zionist,

I beg to inform you that the Session of the Actions  
Committee will begin on the 21st October 1925 in Berlin in  
the Office of the Zionist Organisation, Meinekestrasse 10,  
at 4 P.M.

With Zion's greetings

*L. Motzkin*

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114 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK

October 2nd, 1925.

Rabbi A. Hillel Silver,  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Friend:

Dr. Leon Reich of Poland who is now here as a member of the Polish delegation to the Inter-Parliamentary Conference in Washington, is one of the outstanding figures in European Jewry. As a leader of the Jewish Deputies in the Polish Parliament and as prime mover in the recent Polish Jewish accord, he stands high in the councils of his country. As the President of the Zionist Federation of Galicia and as a member of the Actions Committee he stands equally high in the Councils of World Zionism.

The Zionist Organization of America will give a Dinner in honor of Dr. Reich on Thursday evening, October 8th at six o'clock at Hotel Astor, New York. In behalf of the Administrative Committee, I take pleasure in extending to you a cordial invitation to attend the dinner and hope you will join us in honoring our distinguished visitor on this occasion.

Please make your reservations on the enclosed card and return it to us at once.

Very cordially yours,

*Meyer W. Weisgal*  
Meyer W. Weisgal  
Secretary

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - OCTOBER 7, 1925

At office of Dr. D. J. Kaliski

PRESENT: Dr. Kaliski in the Chair; Messrs. Fierst, Fishman, Goldberg, Samuel Weinstein and Weisgal, Secretary.

By invitation: Messrs. Blitz, Bernard Stone, Carl Sherman, Dr. Abramowitz, Dr. Bornstein and Dr. Melamed.

NEW YORK MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

Dr. Melamed and Mr. Sherman, on behalf of the New York Membership Campaign Committee, presented plans for the forthcoming New York campaign and asked for the approval of the Administrative Committee of these plans.

It was decided, after a brief discussion, that the Campaign Committee be asked to prepare a detailed memorandum setting forth its plans, including approximate budget, which shall be presented to the next meeting of the Administrative Committee.

RECEPTION TO DR. REICH

The Secretary reported that, in accordance with a previous decision of the Administrative Committee, a banquet has been arranged for Dr. Reich for October 8th, and a meeting at Cooper Union on October 17. The arrangements of the Office Committee were approved by the Administrative Committee.

KEREN KAYEMETH AND KEREN HAYESOD

Mr. Stone presented a series of complaints with regard to the campaigns of the Jewish National Fund. He stated that the joint campaigns for the National Fund and the Keren Hayesod are injuring the Keren Hayesod considerably in that no additional money is derived from such joint campaigns. He further stated that if such joint campaigns are arranged, the Keren Hayesod is willing to grant to the Keren Kayemeth not more than ten percent of the proceeds.

Dr. Abramowitz stated that the National Fund is opposed to joint campaigns and that it consented to them only in such cases where the local committee insisted on having a joint drive. He further stated that the Keren Kayemeth is entitled to at least fifteen percent of the proceeds of joint campaigns, it being the proper ratio of the amounts to be allocated for the Keren Kayemeth for the current year.

It was decided, after discussion, that Mr. Fishman and Mr. Fierst be appointed a committee of two to meet with Dr. Abramowitz and Mr. Stone to settle the matter of the percentage.

PROTESTS OF BRONX COMMITTEES RE SECRETARY

The Secretary presented two letters received from the Bronx Keren Hayesod Committee and District 12, in which complaints are made against the actions of the Secretary at the Vienna Congress. In these letters both bodies propose bringing up the resolutions passed by them to the next meeting of the National Executive Committee.

After discussion, it was decided that the matter should not come before the Executive Committee, and that Dr. Kaliski, Honorary Secretary, should inform the Keren Hayesod Committee and District 12 that a committee of three has been appointed to meet with members of the above bodies to discuss the matter.

The committee consists of Messrs. Goldberg, Kaliski and Weinstein.

#### SPECIAL NUMBER OF THE NEW PALESTINE.

In accordance with a resolution of the last Convention, the Secretary presented a tentative plan for a special issue of The New Palestine, to be published before Pesach or before the next Zionist Convention.

While accepting the proposal in principle, it was decided that the matter be presented again to the next meeting of the Administrative Committee for discussion.

#### PUBLICATION OF SALARY LIST

In view of a number of letters received in the Zionist Organization complaining against the lack of public information with regard to expenditures of various Zionist institutions, the Office Committee recommended to the Administrative Committee that it make public the salaries of the various Zionist officials. It was decided that the matter be deferred until the next Convention.

#### AGENDA OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Secretary presented the following agenda for the next meeting of the National Executive Committee:

1. Report of Congress
2. Report of Philadelphia Conference
3. Membership
4. New Immigration Regulations.

It was decided that in view of the important activities now under way on behalf of the Keren Hayesod, National Fund and Zion Commonwealth, these three items be added to the agenda, under the report of the congress, so that there might be a full discussion of these matters by the Executive Committee.

In connection with the report of the Philadelphia Conference, it was decided that Dr. Wise be asked to make the report. It was further decided that Dr. Wise be asked to attend the next meeting of the Administrative Committee in order that there may be a full exchange of views with regard to the report that is to be presented to the Executive Committee.

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The Secretary presented a cable from Mr. Rosenblatt asking for instructions for the meeting of the Actions Committee which he is to attend. The Secretary also presented a letter from the American Jewish Congress asking the Zionist Organization to send representatives to the next session of the Congress in Philadelphia on October 25.

It was decided that both these matters be deferred to the next meeting of the Administrative Committee.

ADJOURNED

Respectfully submitted  
Meyer W. Weisgal, Secretary.



# Z.O.A. Actions Committee

Executive of the  
Zionist Organisation.

האגף לקידום של  
הסתדרות הציונית.

TELEGRAMS: "ZIONIBURO, LONDON."  
TELEPHONE: MUSEUM 3817 (4 LINES).  
CODES: BENTLEY'S & MOSSE'S.

77, GREAT RUSSELL STREET,  
LONDON, W.C. 1.

October 7th, 1925.

Rabbi Ada Hillel Silver,  
New York, City.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you on behalf of the  
Executive of the Zionist Organisation that the XIVth Zionist  
Congress assembled in August last in Vienna elected you to  
act as

Member of the Actions Committee .

of the Zionist Organisation for the ensuing Congress period.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*Leo Hauserbach*

Secretary, Organisation Dept.

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# THE ZIONIST ORGANISATION

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*In reply please address The Secretary.*

*and quote the following Reference No.:*

77, GREAT RUSSELL STREET,

LONDON, W.C. 1.

October 7th, 1925.

Rabbi Ada Hillel Silver,  
New York, City.  
U.S.A.

Dear Sir,

In view of the fact that the correspondence of this office is conducted in several languages we should esteem it a favour if you would kindly inform us in what language ( Hebrew, English or German) you wish to receive our letters , circulars and publications.

Would you also let us know you personal address ?

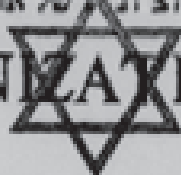
With Zion's Greetings,

Yours faithfully,

*Leahant*  
Secretary, Organisation Dept.

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114 FIFTH AVENUE  
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October 7, 1925.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I notice from the return cards that it will be impossible for you to attend the meeting of the National Executive Committee which will be held here on October 15th. I very much regret this because this will be one of the most important Executive Committee meetings of the year. Many problems of serious import will come before that meeting.

I wonder whether it would not be possible for you to come to New York, say for the meeting of the Administrative Committee which will be held on Wednesday, October 14th. Mr. Lipsky will be back this week-end and at this meeting of the Administrative Committee, all matters that will come before the N.E.C. will be reviewed.

Will you please be good enough to let me know whether we may expect you here on the 14th?

Very cordially yours,

*Weisgal*  
Meyer W. Weissgal  
Secretary

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11/13/25 Can you  
have Ad. meeting  
that day?

MEETING OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sunday, October 18, 1925.

At Hotel Pennsylvania, New York.

PRESENT: Mr. Lipsky in the Chair; Mesdames Frankel, Gottheil, Jacobs, Kussy, Lofkowitz, Natelson, de Sola Pool, Silverman, Szold; Messrs. Bernstein, Borowsky, Braines, Brenner, Bublick, Carmel, A. B. Cohen, Herman Combeim, Coralmik, Ebin, Eiser, Fieret, Fishman, Fromenson, Gabrieli, Germain, Ginsburg, Abraham Goldberg, Israel Goldberg, Grabelsky, Haber, Heckman, Ish-Kishor, Kaliski, Jacob Kaplan, Kellman, Kopstein, Kottler, Levinstone, Louis Levinthal, Masliansky, Mats, Medinets, Melamed, Mosse, Neumann, Rabalsky, Rhoads, Richards, Robison, Rosensohn, Rothenberg, Rubin, Salit, Samuel, Sandler, Seegmann, Shelvin, Sherman, Schuster, Silberstein, Silverman, Soltes, Stone, Tanenbaum, Louis Topkis, William Topkis, Wattenberg, Weinstein, Wisc, Wolfson, and Weisgal, Secretary.

PRESENT BY INVITATION: Dr. A. E. Abramowitz, Samuel Blitz, Simon Bricklin, William Edlin, Meyer Goldberg, Samuel Kaplan, Israel Maltin, Samuel Mohler, Rabbi N. Milickowsky, A. Olivo, Theodore Raccosin, Dr. Leon Reich, Dr. Sonderling, Bernard Stone, Prof. Tebetovitz, Mrs. Fromenson.

ABSENT: Mesdames Franklin, Slomka, Szold, Vixman; Messrs. Brainin, S. J. Cohen, Max Conheim, Crausman, Dunn, Efron, Ehrlich, Fenwick, Fisher, Freed, Friedland, Friedman, J. Goldman, Solomon Goldman, Gordon, Henry Harris, Isaac Harris, Heller, Hoffenberg, Kahanowitz, Nathan D. Kaplan, Prof. M. H. Kaplan, Kehlman, Klausner, Koffman, I. H. Levinthal, Lewis, Magid, Margulies, Meister, Markowitz, Pam, Nurov, Ratnoff, Rosen, Rosenberg, Rosenblatt, Rosengarten, Sendar, Senn, Shapiro, Shulman, Siegel, Silver, Skalist, Spitz, Steinberg, Waldenstein, Winter.

First Session - 11 A. M.

Mr. Lipsky in the Chair.

Before proceeding to the first order of business, the Chairman expressed the appreciation of the members of the Administrative Committee to those who had remained in the office during the summer for the fine manner in which they had conducted the work of the Organization.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS

The Chairman reported that the Zionist Organization had been invited to send ten delegates to the American Jewish Congress session to be held in Philadelphia, Sunday, October 25.

On motion of Mr. Kellman, it was decided that a committee of three be appointed to bring in a report of the delegates to be named to attend the American Jewish Congress. The Chairman then appointed Messrs. Richards, Kellman and Wolfson.

Immediately after the convening of the second session, Mr. Wolfson, on behalf of the committee, reported the following gentlemen to represent the Organization at the Congress: Harry P. Fieret, Louis Topkis, Emanuel Neumann, Gedalia Bublick, Samuel J. Rosenzohn, Louis Germain, Dr. S. M. Melamed, Israel Goldberg, Rabbi N. H. Ebin, Dr. S. Bernstein. The names submitted were approved.

## REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

Dr. S. Bernstein, who was Acting Secretary of the Organization during the summer months, reported on the work of the Administrative Committee since the last meeting of the Executive Committee. (A summary of the minutes of the Administrative Committee have already been sent to the members of the Executive.)

It was moved, seconded and carried that the report of Dr. Bernstein be accepted. On motion of Mr. Weisgal, it was unanimously decided that a vote of thanks be extended to Dr. Bernstein for his services as acting secretary.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Maltin, auditor, submitted a financial report giving a summary of the income and expenditures of the Organization for the period from June 1st to September 30th. (A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.) A discussion of the report ensued in which various members expressed the opinion that a more detailed report should be circularized among the members so that a proper study could be made of the financial position of the Organization.

It was moved, seconded and carried that prior to the next meeting of the National Executive Committee, the Auditor send the members an itemized statement of all expenditures during the period under report. It was further decided that in the future all financial reports be submitted in the name of the Finance Committee.

## COOPTION OF MR. SHERMAN

On the recommendation of the Administrative Committee, Mr. Carl Sherman was unanimously elected a member of the National Executive Committee.

## REPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF ORGANIZATION

Mr. Blitz, Director of the Organization Department, reporting on the work of the Department, stated that all preparations have been completed for the 1926 Membership Campaign. New membership blanks and campaign literature have been printed including a booklet by Mr. Maurice Samuel entitled "Zionism Today." He then mentioned about twenty-five cities which have reported arrangements completed for the membership campaign. Mr. Blitz stated that arrangements have been completed for the cooperation of Hadassah in the membership campaign. Pending definite agreement on the allotment of dues, members of Hadassah will be induced to join the Zionist District and women members of the Districts will be able to join the Hadassah on a basis of \$6.00 a year. Arrangements have also been made for the cooperation of Avukah in the membership drive. In reviewing conditions in the various Zionist regions, which he regarded as satisfactory, Mr. Blitz said that the Chicago Bureau is handicapped at present due to the fact that no director has as yet been secured, but stated that the Zionist officers are doing their best under the circumstances and are making extensive preparations for a strong membership campaign. Mr. Blitz also called attention to the need of establishing a regional bureau on the Pacific Coast either in cooperation with the Keren Hayesod or the Jewish National Fund.

He then reported the details of membership preparations in Greater New York where a campaign committee has been organized with Dr. Stephen S. Wise as



Honorary chairman, Carl Sherman, chairman, Dr. G. M. Melamed, chairman of the Executive Board and Abraham Tannenbaum, secretary. Mr. Blitz is acting as campaign director. Although the Executive Board of the Greater New York Campaign Committee is composed of members of the National Executive Committee residing in New York, only a small number of members are active. In conclusion, Mr. Blitz stressed the importance of the work in the city of New York, and said that he proposed that the entire staff, not only of the Organization Department but of the available speakers, be retained in the city of New York for the month of December, in order that the New York quota of 25,000 members may be achieved; because if that were achieved there would be no question but that the national quota of 100,000 members for the year 1926 will be fully realized. It was decided to postpone the discussion on Avukah until the afternoon session when Mr. Max Rhoads, President of Avukah, will be present.

With regard to Hadasah, it was decided that the recommendation of the Organization Department be referred, with full power, to the Administrative Committee, which shall make such arrangements as will be suitable to Hadasah and the Zionist Organization.

A short discussion of Mr. Blitz's report followed. Dr. Melamed outlined the work of the New York campaign committee and suggested that the National Executive Committee members resident in New York be appointed to various committees to cooperate with the Administrative Committee in the administration of Zionist affairs.

Mr. Goldberg amended the motion to the effect that the New York members be asked to organize themselves for the purpose of augmenting and strengthening the work of the Administrative Committee in New York City by forming sub-committees for the purpose of carrying on effective work in the line of publicity, organization, membership, Keren Hayesod, etc., in New York City.

On being put to a vote, Mr. Goldberg's amendment was carried and Dr. Melamed's motion was lost.

Mr. Brenner criticized that part of the report which referred to the inactivity of the Chicago Zionists. He maintained that the membership work is being carried on with the same vigor as in the past.

It was then moved, seconded and carried that the report of the Organization Department be accepted.

#### REPORT ON CONGRESS BY MR. LIPSKY

Mr. Lipsky stated that he would not undertake to give an official report of what happened at the Congress, but would present to the Committee, the Congress as it appeared from the inside, from behind the scenes, as it were.

The preparations for the Congress, he said, had been efficiently made and the issues were carefully and seriously discussed in advance, contrary to the reports circulated with regard to lack of preparation, etc. At the meeting of the Actions Committee in London in July, there was a clear discussion of all issues, especially of those which it was believed would create opposition and decisions were reached on these matters. It was made clear at the meeting for instance, that the matter of the Jewish Agency was not an issue but a subject for action. The meeting concentrated its attention on the matter of

the budget, and here too there was no real difference of opinion, since there could be none when you consider the Budget as a limited amount of money that must be applied in a certain way. There was no objection to any particular item in the budget by my group, but each group was anxious to see that its interests were taken care of.

So that it appeared that the Fourteenth Zionist Congress would be an un-sensational Congress.

The opening of the Congress, Mr. Lipsky continued, was remarkably impressive. Representatives of practically every government were present in the boxes and Dr. Weizmann made a splendid speech, reading part of it in English, part in German and parts in other languages as he addressed himself to the various councils present. And the audience responded in a very fine way, without undue demonstrations. Then the general debate began, and it went along very peacefully and calmly, until the so-called crisis developed.

With regard to the American delegation, Mr. Lipsky said that the delegates had meetings every evening at the Hotel Imperial and the issues before the Congress were fully discussed.

In speaking of the parties at the Congress, Mr. Lipsky said that in previous years the German delegation had had a great deal of influence at the Congress. This year, the German delegation consisted of eight, although three of the delegates were not in accord with the other five, so they really had only five. In order to continue their control at this Congress, the Germans had made a secret alliance with the Left parties, with the Hitachduth, and they planned to draw in the forty-six votes of the American delegation and so have a majority. And in this way they would isolate the Polish Zionists who, they believed, were altogether too Right.

But the American delegation refused to amalgamate with any party or subscribe to a party program which it had never seen before nor considered. So the American delegation decided to take a middle course, to maintain its integrity, and incidentally the integrity of the Congress. This decision, Mr. Lipsky said, proved to be the stabilizing element of the Congress, for any move Right or Left by the American Delegation would have swayed the Congress absolutely in that direction. And the important thing at this Congress was to take a middle course. It was necessary to decide, upon the merits of the case, what sort of administration would be best for Palestine; whether the Executive should be Right or Left, or an impartial board which carries out the decisions of the Congress?

The American delegation was interested in creating a situation where the Executive would be free from undue bias and would not be influenced by local party interests, but would decide every question from the point of view of the general interest.

These discussions of the formation of the Executive were going on all the time the general debate was in progress, and while the Congress was being organized, Mr. Lipsky continued. In referring to the fact that the chairmanships of so many committees had been assumed by Americans, Mr. Lipsky said that this had come about not because the Americans sought the positions, but because the Congress wished it.

After some further discussion of the part played by Americans in the committees, Mr. Lipsky spoke again of the situation which led up to the so-called



crisis. Toward the end of the General Debate, there came into the Congress a feeling, first expressed by Dr. Weizmann, that it was necessary to have a vote of confidence. (Mr. Lipsky said that this was his impression of the whole situation and some of the other delegates might not be in agreement with him). Now, at the meeting of the Actions Committee in July it had been decided to abandon the practice of calling for a vote of confidence. It was felt that such a vote was no longer pertinent to the situation, that the Executive should be considered as a body elected for a term of two years, at the end of which time it gives its report and goes out of office. And the Congress re-elects the Executive or not, on the basis of the report presented.

But a peculiar situation arose. It was reported in the London press and elsewhere that there had been an attack on Dr. Weizmann and on the administration by the Congress and that certain things had been said about politics which were very damaging so far as the political situation in London was concerned. So it was felt by Weizmann, Sokolow and a number of other members of the Executive that it would be necessary to adopt a vote of confidence in order to protect Dr. Weizmann's political position. It was intended that the vote should indicate confidence only in the political program of the administration, nothing else. And further, it was felt that inasmuch as there were difficulties in coming to an understanding with the Left parties, a vote of confidence would make the situation clear, as it would indicate which parties supported the administration and which did not. Mr. Lipsky said it was his opinion that this was the right thing to do: after the vote, admit into the administration those who voted for and exclude those who voted against. In canvassing the situation, it was found that 154 would vote for and 17 against, the Left and Right not voting at all. When the vote was actually taken, there were 136 for and 17 against. (There would have been 154 but some of the delegates were absent.) After the vote, the Executive met and decided that the only step left was to resign because if a new Executive were formed in accordance with the vote, the Left and Right would be excluded, and would be made up only of the Center, with a middle class program. This would have been the logical and right thing to do, but the members feared the consequences in Palestine and in the Organization if this middle class program was carried out amid the threats and intimidations of the Left and Right parties.

And so a crisis developed. And this crisis, Mr. Lipsky emphasized, came only because the movement did not have the inner strength to do a strong thing, to form an Executive in accordance with the vote and carry out the program. The difficulty in the situation was that the movement had not developed sufficient strength in any one direction so that either the middle class or the labor party was strong enough to continue as the governing influence. And since there was not sufficient strength in any one party, it was necessary to have a combination of all. And until the Zionist Organization generates the power that is strong enough to dominate the situation either for the middle class or for the working class, Mr. Lipsky believed, the situation will remain the same.

And now the whole Congress was at a standstill, awaiting the outcome of the situation created by the resignation of the Executive. In the meantime, the committees continued their work and brought in reports, and a number of good resolutions were adopted. Finally, the Permanent Ausschuss brought in its recommendation, that Weizmann and Sokolow form the Executive with the approval of the Actions Committee. This was found satisfactory by all.

It will be the task of the Actions Committee to select a composite Executive which will continue until there will be developed one strong party or another.

In reviewing the whole situation, Mr. Lipsky said no one could foretell what would happen in the future, whether the middle class would be the strong element or whether the working men will become strong enough in the direction of being conciliatory to the Right and thereby gaining additional power and maintaining their predominance. The Zionist Organization, he said, had come to a point where it had to make a turn, but had not the strength to do it. And it will not be able to make that turn until there is more economic power created for Palestine, until we represent more power in every direction, and that power begins to discriminate between Right, Left and Center and knows where it is going and knows really what is involved in all these things.

In conclusion, Mr. Lipsky said that the preparations for the next Congress must be begun now by greater effort for Palestine than ever before, because, through the work that is done for Palestine, there is created such power, such strength in the movement, that there will be no cause for vacillation or indecision at the next Congress. There will be no possibility of a crisis, because the system of the Organization will be normal.

The Executive Committee expressed its thanks to the Chairman for his fine and lucid report, and then adjourned for lunch.

Second Session - 3 P.M.

DISCUSSION ON CONGRESS REPORT

Before calling on the first speaker to discuss the report on the Congress, the Chairman welcomed to the meeting Dr. Stephen S. Wise and congratulated him upon his election as Vice-Chairman of the Actions Committee.

Dr. Coralnik, the first speaker in the discussion, believed that it was important for American Zionists to know the differences between the policies of the Left and the Right, the Germans and the Poles before they could decide on their program at the next Congress. Both parties are, of course, vitally interested in the development of Palestine, but they differ with regard to the orientation of the future of Palestine. The Germans have no economic reasons for settling in Palestine, but go there for idealistic motives. The Polish Zionists on the other hand, look to Palestine as the land which is taking the place of America in the matter of immigration. Dr. Coralnik did not believe the American delegation should have committed itself to a middle class policy. It was his opinion that not quantity, but the quality of Jewish colonization in Palestine matters, and the American delegation should have taken steps to set up a definite Palestinian economic and social policy. In view of the Chairman's statement that the preparations for the next Congress must be begun now, Dr. Coralnik said he believed it was important that these distinctions between the policies of the parties be clear in the minds of all Zionists.

Mr. Abraham Goldberg then took the floor. He gave his personal views of what he believed were the causes of the crisis at the Congress. He disagreed with Mr. Lipsky's opinion that the crisis at the Congress was caused by the inability of the Congress to move in a definite direction, either to the Left or to the Right. Mr. Goldberg attributed the crisis to the indecision of the leadership

of the Congress.

At the conclusion of Mr. Goldberg's remarks, Mr. Fishman asked whether the former's remarks were a personal interpretation or a supplementary report of the Congress. The Chairman stated that each speaker would report his own observations.

Dr. Wise then suggested that in view of the important business to come before the meeting, the discussion on the Congress be closed and a committee appointed to make a study of the reports of the Congress, including the conduct of the American delegation, and to present its recommendations to the next meeting of the Executive.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Israel Goldberg. There was opposition to this motion by Mr. Kopstein and others; Mr. Sherman then offered an amendment to the effect that further discussion on the Congress be postponed until the evening session in order that more pressing business might be taken up immediately. On being put to a vote, Mr. Sherman's amendment was carried.

#### PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE

Before calling on Dr. Wise to report on the Philadelphia conference, the next order of business, the Chairman stated that the action to be taken by the Zionist Organization with regard to the Philadelphia Conference had been discussed at a meeting of the Administrative Committee preceding the Conference, and a committee had been appointed to make all the necessary preparations for meeting the situation. He added that the Administrative Committee had been in possession of certain guiding principles from Vienna and from London and had received certain instructions from the Zionist Executive, which had been referred to the sub-committee for its guidance. The Chairman further added that the situation was a very delicate one and he wished every member and guest to bear in mind that the reports to be presented would be strictly confidential.

The Chairman then introduced Dr. Wise and expressed to him, on behalf of the Administrative Committee, appreciation for the very valuable service rendered by him at Philadelphia.

Dr. Wise said he did not believe it was necessary for him to give a report of proceedings of the Philadelphia Conference, that it was now a matter of history and the members had no doubt come to have an understanding of what had happened in the course of the conference. As for himself, he had not considered himself the spokesman of the Zionist Organization at the conference, though something to that effect had been said at a meeting of the Administrative Committee preceding the conference but had taken his stand as an individual American Jew. It was his opinion that it would have been much better if the Zionists could have presented a united front. But in the light of what Mr. Marshall was enabled to say, correctly, with regard to the views of certain Zionist leaders on the plan under discussion, it was impossible to present a united Zionist opinion. Dr. Wise believed that a large number of those present would have taken exactly the same position which they did take toward the Russian colonization project proposed by the Joint Distribution Committee, even if there had been no such cause as Zionism.

But, whatever the situation might have been, Dr. Wise continued, a resolution was finally offered that a committee be appointed, looking to an "Ausgleich."



Though many of the Zionists, he said, did not abate their convictions touching on the wisdom or unwisdom of the proposed work of the J.D.C. in Russia, they felt that they had to agree to a compromise because it seemed that Dr. Weizmann had given his approval of Russian colonization to this group of men who, for the most part, had taken upon themselves the task of organizing the Jewish Agency.

Digressing, Dr. Wise said he thought it wrong to speak of this group as the organizers of the Jewish Agency, as if only non-Zionists were to have a part in it. As a matter of fact, it was the Zionists who wrote into the Mandate the paragraph seeking the cooperation of non-Zionists. Non-Zionists and anti-Zionists had no part in that decision.

Continuing, Dr. Wise said he did not know how warm was the approval given by Dr. Weizmann, but he did not believe that if Dr. Weizmann could have foretold the proportions this issue would assume, he would have given his approval. If, when the plan was first proposed, it had been kept within the limits now decided upon at Philadelphia, there would have been no problem, Dr. Wise believed. He did not think it was the original purpose of the proposers of the plan to make it an overwhelming issue in Jewish life.

Speaking again of the committee appointed to draft the resolutions at the Conference, Dr. Wise said he had been entirely satisfied with the spirit of the assurances given him by Mr. Marshall and Mr. Warburg with regard to Palestine. He, Dr. Wise, had not insisted on the paragraph in the resolutions with regard to Palestine; it grew inevitably out of the temper and tone of Mr. Warburg's and Mr. Marshall's remarks. The paragraph was only a re-statement, in the form of resolution, of the assurances given in the committee by Messrs. Warburg and Marshall.

Dr. Wise then read the Palestine paragraph of the Philadelphia resolution:

"This conference regards it as self-evident that American Jewry, whenever called upon, is prepared generously to support the work of Jewish resettlement in Palestine. It is persuaded that through the Jewish Agency and other instrumentalities (by which, of course, interjected Dr. Wise, we meant and they meant the Keren Hayesod, Hadassah, National Fund, etc.), the Jews of America will always give adequately and generously of their strength and substance to the performance of this great and historic task."

This resolution, Dr. Wise continued, was strengthened over and over again by the remarks of Mr. Marshall, and his remarks were just as much a part of the record as the resolution itself.

Two things grew out of the conference. First, the conference assumed that the Zionists would go ahead with their task of securing the money needed for the work in and for Palestine. And second, on the basis of the resolution adopted and in view of the new emergency created in Palestine through the increased immigration, the Zionists have a right to look for the cooperation promised in the resolution.

In conclusion, Dr. Wise spoke of a number of disquieting incidents which had followed the conference. He presented an appeal sent out to more than a thousand people to serve as the National Committee of the new campaign, to be known as the United Jewish campaign. The appeal, signed by the National Chairman of the Campaign, Mr. Brown, states that the Conference was attended by representatives

of every shade and coloring of American Jewry, and a list of names is given, but not one Zionist, outside of Nathan Straus, is mentioned. In addition, the appeal quotes only three-fourths of the resolution adopted, omitting the resolution on Palestine, without which there could have been no harmonious conclusion to the conference. The Palestine resolution is not even referred to indirectly.

If the omissions in this appeal were deliberate, Dr. Wise said, it could be taken to mean only that the peace resolution has been repudiated, and if it is to be repudiated, American Zionists must govern themselves accordingly. If however, repudiation is not meant, Dr. Wise suggested that the Chairman be authorized to confer with the heads of the J.D.C. to the end that there shall be no more flagrant violation of the spirit of the covenant reached at Philadelphia.

At the conclusion of his report, Dr. Wise was warmly applauded.

The Chairman then announced that the report was open for discussion. Mrs. Silverman reported that Mr. Silverman had received just such a letter as referred to by Dr. Wise and had written to Mr. Brown stating that he could not accept membership on the national committee if the Palestine paragraph of the resolution were ignored. Mr. Brown replied that they had printed only that part of the resolution which pertained to the work at hand, so far as they were concerned.

Mr. Samuel, who was present at the Conference, said that it seemed to him that the resolution had been interpreted by certain persons of the J.D.C. with a certain degree of, if not actually frivolity, then with a certain lightness from the very beginning. Remarks had been made at the banquet following the conference by various speakers which treated the contents of the resolutions as something which had been adopted in order to give the Zionists an opportunity to back down from their position with a minimum of disgrace. In his address at the banquet, Mr. Samuel said he had deplored this unbecoming levity and had said that he regarded the resolution as profoundly significant of the temper and action of American Jewry in the future. The incidents following the conference seem to bear out the opinions expressed by the speakers at the banquet. Mr. Samuel said he still regards the resolution as of historic significance. A most important concession was made by the non-Zionists in omitting the phrase "Russian colonization" from the resolution. But their publicity since the Philadelphia conference still seems to center on Russian colonization, and in a statement issued recently, Mr. Brown said that half or more of the money collected would be used for Russian colonization. This, in Mr. Samuel's opinion, constitutes a serious departure from the letter and spirit of the resolution adopted.

Further, Mr. Samuel believed that the wording of the Palestine paragraph of the resolution implied that American Jewry feels its complete responsibility toward Palestine. If that responsibility is meant, and it should be taken as meant, nothing should be done in the future of this Campaign to prejudice the work for Palestine.

Dr. Coralnik then took the floor and discussed the merits of the colonization plan from the general Jewish point of view, and came to the conclusion that it was of rather questionable value if not dangerous.

Dr. Wise suggested, and the Chairman agreed, that the discussion by the members should limit itself to the action to be taken by the Zionist Organization



rather than to the merits of the colonization plan.

Mr. Stone of Boston believed that it was wrong not to adopt a clear policy on the whole question. Nothing had been gained by the resolution at Philadelphia, the evil had only been postponed. No positive action had been taken because every one feared to antagonize the non-Zionist group because it would hurt the Jewish Agency. He believed this situation should be changed and a firm attitude adopted in accordance with the principles of the Zionist Organization.

The Chairman then took the floor and said that, in his opinion, our position is now becoming clear. The fact that it was not clear before was due to the fact that it was impossible to see how this matter would develop. He said that there could be no doubt as to the Zionist position in America before the second Marshall conference. Palestine was then the predominant issue in American Jewish life, and a great effort had been exerted by the Zionists to bring about such a situation. Never in the history of American Israel had there been so many utterances, on the part of former anti-Zionists, of approval of the building up of Palestine. And then there appeared on the horizon Crimea. And many people said that it could not hurt Palestine or change the adherence of those who had expressed themselves in favor of our cause. But in spite of all the assurances at the Marshall conferences and at other times the Crimean plan was adopted by this group and Palestine was put in the background. Yet, when the Zionists had to deal with it, it was impossible for any responsible officer of the Zionist Organization to do anything that would affect the promises made by the non-Zionists.

But, in view of the importance which is being attached to the Crimea plan and the effect it may have on Palestine, it is our duty, the Chairman continued, to devise a method of action which will protect our interests. This is especially imperative now in view of the increased immigration which has become possible, forty thousand within the next year. The Zionists must stand by the Philadelphia resolution, and interpret it in the light of Palestine and Crimea. And at the same time, we must come now before the Jewish people with all our funds for Palestine united, a single fund in which will be united Keren Hayesod, National Fund, Hadassah Medical Organization, Hebrew University, Rutenberg and all other items on our program.

This suggestion by the Chairman was greeted with enthusiastic applause by the members of the Executive Committee.

Continuing, the Chairman said that this fund should be for four or five million dollars and in every city there should be created a United Palestine Campaign. The Chairman believed that if this course of action were followed, first, announce that we hold the leaders of the J.D.C. to the agreement reached at Philadelphia, and then organize the tremendous influence which the Zionists have in America, the members of the J.D.C. would be the first to seek for harmony.

There should be no recrimination now, but positive action on behalf of Palestine. If there are Zionists who are sympathetic to Crimea, let them help that, but the first and paramount duty of every Zionist is Palestine; is to do that which is necessary to maintain our responsibility and to keep going that life in Palestine which will overshadow everything in Jewish life and which will make life worthwhile for every Jew, the Chairman concluded.

Dr. Wise then called for a vote on his motion that the National Executive Committee direct the Administrative Committee to take such action as may be deemed

necessary to protect the integrity of the resolution adopted at Philadelphia.

After some discussion, Dr. Wise withdrew his motion in order that there might be further discussion before a vote is taken.

Before calling on the next speaker, the Chairman welcomed to the meeting, Dr. Leon Reich of Lemberg, President of the Galician Zionist Federation and member of the Actions Committee.

Mr. Israel Goldberg then took the floor. He said that he would support the motion of Dr. Wise if it is understood that the Administrative Committee is not directed, but may, in its discretion, if the circumstances warrant it, proceed to take the action proposed. Mr. Goldberg said he would like to put the proposal of the Chairman for a united campaign in the form of a motion, for the situation, not only insofar as the problems created by the Joint Campaign are concerned, but primarily because of the problems created by our increased opportunities and obligations in Palestine, require that we come before American Jewry with a united Palestine campaign, asking them to give more than ever before, and making it clear, indirectly, by implication, that it is up to them to answer the question which has been raised as to what country it is that the American Jews want to colonize, Palestine or Russia.

Mr. Wolfson was of the opinion that the Philadelphia resolution was of great importance and he believed that the Administrative Committee should at all times be vigilant of the rights acquired by the resolution. However, he did not believe that the Philadelphia resolution precluded any vigorous campaign for Palestine and he was in favor of the united appeal.

Mr. Sherman said that at Philadelphia he had voted against the resolution and was still of the opinion that it would be disastrous to connect the Zionist cause with a colonization scheme. Though we might think it necessary to make certain concessions in view of the non-Zionist participation expected, the general Jewish public will not understand it so, but will accuse the Zionists of joining with the J.D.C. He believed that unless there is active opposition to the colonization plan, the situation will react to the detriment of the Zionist cause.

Mr. Bublick was of the opinion that the Zionist Organization should oppose Russian colonization not on Zionist grounds, but on purely Jewish grounds. He believed that it was a dangerous undertaking and he had little faith in the resolution adopted at Philadelphia.

Mr. Abraham Goldberg was of the opinion that the Zionist Organization should negotiate with the J.D.C. leaders as how to avoid a conflict between the work of the Z.O.A. and the J.D.C.

Mrs. Pool believed that, in view of the generous support given to various undertakings in Palestine in the past by the J.D.C., the J.D.C. would be loyal to the Palestine interests in the future. She was opposed to Dr. Wise's resolution and suggested instead that a resolution be passed calling upon the J.D.C. to take full cognizance in the future of the Palestine clause in the resolution and to appoint a Zionist representative on the administrative committee of the relief conference.

It was then decided to postpone further discussion on this subject until the evening session.

The Chairman then called upon Dr. Leon Reich to address the meeting.

Dr. Reich thanked the members of the Executive Committee for the invitation and the courtesy extended to him. He said that such problems as those which the Executive was dealing with were impossible now in Poland, for two reasons: first, because there were no non-Zionist problems there; second, because Polish Jewry was too poor to help Jews outside its borders. He expressed the hope that a way will be found to settle the differences and that Palestine would emerge triumphant.

Third Session - 8:30 P.M.

Mr. Neumann was of the opinion that it was not important to continue the negotiations with the J.D.C. He saw no objection to another conference, but he did not believe any good would come of it. The important action to be taken now, he said, was for the strengthening of the Zionist position, to meet the challenge that has been given to American Jewry with positive action. He believed the time had come for an intensification of all Zionist propaganda, a unifying of all forces. His trip to Palestine had left him with the feeling that a most important opportunity is presenting itself now, and it is more important now than ever before to unite all forces, to make one great public appeal for Palestine. Mr. Neumann expressed himself as heartily in accord with the proposal of the Chairman, and was sure that all Zionists would respond with equal enthusiasm to the extraordinary situation, particularly if there were a strong leader to carry the appeal to victory. And that leader, Mr. Neumann said, should be Dr. Stephen S. Wise.

Mr. Neumann then outlined his plan for the Appeal. There should be a National Committee on Appeal, headed by Dr. Wise. Then, an invitation should be extended to Dr. Weizmann to come to America, at the head of a representative European Zionist delegation. Mr. Neumann believed that if these steps were carried out, there could be no fear as to the ultimate outcome of the campaign. It was his opinion that it would be wrong to sacrifice the present opportunity for Palestine for the sake of some anticipated advantage to be gained in the future from non-Zionist participation. He therefore appealed to the meeting to adopt some positive action before adjourning.

Mr. Fishman regretted that Dr. Wise was absent, because he desired to revert to the subject of the Philadelphia Conference. He wanted it however to be placed on record that at no time had he any intention, as was suggested, of repudiating Dr. Wise's leadership at the Philadelphia Conference; on the contrary, he was immensely pleased over the fact that Dr. Wise is taking an active part in Zionist work; that at every opportunity he urged Dr. Wise, in his column in the Jewish Morning Journal, to return to the Zionist Organization. Mr. Fishman then gave his views of the Conference, which coincided with those of Dr. Wise and Mr. Samuel. He then endorsed the plan of action outlined by the chairman.

Mr. Neumann asked whether it was true that at the banquet in Philadelphia, Mr. Billikopf had said that the resolutions adopted meant nothing new, that the work would continue exactly as it had been planned. Mr. Fishman answered that Mr. Billikopf had said that.

A short discussion then ensued, participated in by Mr. Neumann, Mr. Fishman, and Mr. Richards, of the steps which had preceded the adoption of the resolution at the Conference.

The Chairman then called upon Mr. Rothenberg, the next speaker. Mr. Rothenberg

said he had given a great deal of thought to the matter and it seemed to him that quite apart from the original intention with regard to the settlement of Jews in Crimea, this matter is fast becoming the rallying point for all anti-Zionists. It was his opinion that this was not the wish of either Mr. Marshall or Mr. Tarburg but the situation was getting out of their control.

Mr. Rothenberg declared himself uncertain as to the wisdom of condemning the Russian colonization. He merely objected to the attempt being made to subordinate the whole Zionist movement, making it appear as though Russian colonization is the solution to the Jewish problem. The speaker saw only the greatest conflict between the forthcoming Joint Distribution Committee drive and the campaigns of Palestine funds. The enlistment of the leaders of Jewish communities throughout America in behalf of the Russian colonization drive would incapacitate these individuals for service in Palestine causes.

Mr. Rothenberg agreed that the idea of calling a national conference on Palestine was an excellent one, feeling that the Zionists were seeing more light on their whole position. He felt that Russian colonization should not be attacked on any grounds; especially petty was it to raise the question as to how much money should be allowed for Russian colonization. The mere matter of proportion would not justify the scheme. The Zionists, however, must come out with a positive attitude, stressing Palestine as the major problem before the Jewish people today. Mr. Rothenberg declared it necessary to reawaken the Jewish people to the idea that there is a danger to the whole Zionist program.

Mr. Rothenberg then seconded the motion by Mr. Neumann that Dr. Weismann should be invited to this country, declaring that from him could be gotten more assistance than from anybody else. Such an invitation, he declared, would also reassure Dr. Weismann that American Zionists are solidly behind him, and dispel the false impression that the Administrative Committee was not supporting him. Mr. Rothenberg then read the following resolution of invitation:

"The National Executive Committee expresses its satisfaction with the re-election of Dr. Chaim Weismann as President of the World Zionist Organization and Mr. Nahum Sokolow as Chairman of the Executive Committee of the World Zionist Organization. It regards it as essential that the naming of the members of the Executive Committee to act for the ensuing two years, left by the Congress in the hands of Dr. Weismann and Mr. Sokolow, with the approval of the Actions Committee, be completed at the next meeting of the Actions Committee, to take place on October 21st next.

"It is the view of the National Executive Committee that Zionist interests in America would be furthered by the presence here of the President of the World Zionist Organization. Therefore, it extends a cordial invitation to Dr. Weismann to visit this country at as early a date as possible, in order that he may continue the efforts carried forward by him in the past to stimulate the support of American Jewry in and for the upbuilding of the Jewish National Home."

In the general discussion that followed, it was decided not to take any action on the so-called breach of the Philadelphia resolution.

After further discussion, the National Executive Committee, by unanimous decision, authorized the Administrative Committee, to take steps to form a



National Committee on Appeal for all Palestine funds, including the Koren Heyosod, the Jewish National Fund, Hadassah Medical Organization and Hebrew University Fund. The Administrative Committee was also authorized to invite Dr. Stephen S. Wise to become the Chairman of the National Committee on Appeal.

It was further decided that the Administrative Committee be authorized to call an extraordinary national conference on Palestine, and that Dr. Weizmann be invited to come to the United States to aid in the forthcoming drive.

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The Committee then resumed the discussion on the Fourteenth Zionist Congress, which had been postponed to the evening session. The discussion was continued by various delegates who had attended the Congress, including Mr. Rothenberg, Mr. Fishman and Mr. Neumann.

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Before closing the meeting, the Chairman said that he wished to make a statement with regard to the rumors which were circulated recently with reference to his attitude toward Dr. Weizmann. These rumors, he said, were an irresponsible attempt to make the Zionists believe that he was at variance with Dr. Weizmann; whereas he believes that Dr. Weizmann is an indispensable factor in Jewish life. At the Congress, Dr. Weizmann had the support of every member of the Executive, the Chairman concluded.

The meeting then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

MEYER T. WEISGAL  
Secretary.



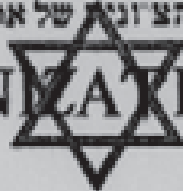
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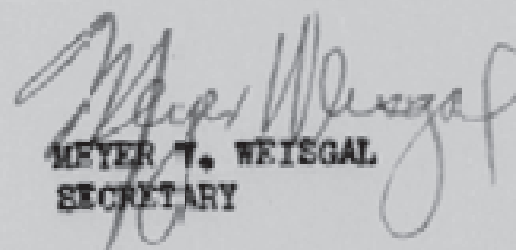
To the Members of the  
Administrative Committee.

A meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Zionist Organization of America will be held on Wednesday, October 21st, at 8:30 P. M. at the home of Mr. Herman Conheim, 265 West 90th Street.

In view of the wide-reaching decision made by the National Executive Committee with regard to the United Palestine appeal and the immediate action that should follow this decision, it is imperatively urgent that every member of the Administrative Committee be present at this meeting.

Please do not fail to come and on time.

Cardially yours,

  
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MINUTES OF MEETING OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

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PRESENT: Mr. Lipsky in the Chair; Messrs. Bublick, Conheim, Fishman, Kaliski, Neumann, Samuel, and Weisgal, Secretary.

By invitation: Mrs. Edward Jacobs, Dr. A. E. Abramowitz, Dr. S. Bernstein, Samuel Blitz, Israel Goldberg, Dr. Stephen S. Wise.

UNITED PALESTINE FUNDS APPEAL

The Chairman presented the resolutions adopted by the National Executive Committee authorizing the Administrative Committee, 1) to proceed forthwith with the organization of a United Palestine Funds Appeal which shall include all the Zionist funds, namely, the Keren Hayesod, Jewish National Fund, Hadassah, Hebrew University; 2) to invite Dr. Stephen S. Wise to head the United Funds Appeal; 3) to call a National Conference to consider the emergency arising out of the unprecedented immigration into Palestine.

The Chairman reported that Dr. Wise has accepted the invitation of the National Executive Committee to head the United Appeal for Palestine.

After discussion of all questions involved in the organization of the appeal, it was decided:

1. That Dr. Wise be authorized to proceed forthwith with the effective execution of the mandate granted him by the National Executive Committee in the organization of the United Palestine Funds Appeal.

2. That a committee be appointed to meet with Dr. Wise to work out the details of the campaign as well as the relationship between the various Palestine funds joining this federated form of appeal. The committee consists of the following: Dr. Wise, Chairman; Dr. A.E. Abramowitz for the National Fund, Emanuel Neumann, Honorary Secretary for Keren Hayesod; Mrs. Edward Jacobs for Hadassah; Mr. Meyer W. Weisgal for the Zionist Organization; and Israel Goldberg representing the interorganizational publicity department.

3. That the national conference be called as early as possible, the exact date to be left to the above named committee to decide.

4. That the committee make recommendations to the Administrative Committee for the appointment of a general director.

5. That Miss Warner be authorized to engage a secretary for Dr. Wise, to be stationed at his office and to serve as a liason between headquarters and Dr. Wise.

6. That the above named committee be authorized to arrange a luncheon or dinner to newspaper men for the purpose of acquainting them with the emergency that has arisen.

7. That the committee consider the revision of quotas given to the various cities and that the new quotas be ready to be despatched as early as possible.

8. That all expenses involved in the preliminary work of the campaign be borne by the Z.O.A. to be reimbursed later from the United Fund.

The Chairman then presented a letter addressed to the Zionist Districts. The letter was approved with slight modifications.

In connection with the discussion on the emergency that has arisen in Zionist affairs as a result of the fifteen million dollar campaign of the J.D.C., and of the unprecedented demands made on the Zionist Organization, and in view of the fact that prompt and drastic action is of the essence and in order to avoid delay in the execution of decision of the National Executive Committee, it was decided that members of the Administrative Committee serving on any Zionist or semi-Zionist bodies are bound by their membership in the Administrative Committee to act in accordance with the decisions of the National Executive Committee and the Administrative Committee.

#### AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS

It was decided that the Zionist delegates to the American Jewish Congress should go there without instructions, but should act in accordance with the spirit of the policy of the Administrative Committee and National Executive Committee.

#### SPECIAL NEW PALESTINE NUMBER

It was decided that Mr. Weisgal be authorized to issue a special Palestine number of The New Palestine, with the understanding that the financial obligations of the Zionist Organization do not exceed that of the regular issue of twenty-four pages. It was further decided that Mr. Weisgal present the financial end of the enterprise to the Finance Committee for approval.

#### YOUNG JUDAEA

The Administrative Committee authorized the Finance Committee to employ Mr. S.J. Borowsky as the director of the Young Judaea, his salary to be paid to him by the Zionist Organization of America. This will be considered as part of the obligation assumed by the Zionist Organization toward the Young Judaea.

#### HEBREW UNIVERSITY

It was decided that the Chairman appoint a committee to recommend to the next meeting of the National Executive Committee the names of the three persons to be accepted on the board of governors of the Hebrew University.

#### ARTICLE BY DR. WELTSCH IN NEW JUDAEA

Mr. Neumann called attention to the article by Dr. Robert Weltsch which appeared in the New Judaea favoring colonization in Crimea. It was decided that the Administrative Committee protest against this article and that a cable be sent to the New Judaea informing it that an article is in preparation in reply to Dr. Weltsch.

Respectfully submitted,

MEYER W. WEISGAL  
Secretary.



October 22nd, 1925.

Zionist Organization,  
77 Great Russell Street,  
London, England.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of  
October 7th, permit me to say that I  
would prefer to have my correspondence  
sent to me in English and note also  
my correct name and address :

Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.



With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 28th

AT HOME OF MR. CONHEIM

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PRESENT: Mr. Lipsky in the Chair; Messrs. Public, Conheim, Fishman, Golibevk, Kaliski, Neumann, Meister, Rosensohn, Rothenberg, Topkis, Weinstein, and Weisgal, Secretary.

By Invitation: Mrs. Edward Jacobs, Miss Ruth Cohen, Israel Goldberg, Samuel Blits and Dr. Abramowitz.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.

Mr. Conheim stated that the minutes of the meeting of the Administrative Committee held on October 21st, were incorrectly reported and that they represented not the decision of the Administrative Committee but the personal views of Mr. Weisgal and that as a result members of the Administrative Committee who are also members of the Board of Directors of the Keren Hayesod were placed in an embarrassing position when the minutes were presented to the Board of Directors of the Keren Hayesod.

The Chairman in reply stated that the minutes do reflect the decisions of the Administrative Committee and not the personal views of Mr. Weisgal. The confusion and the embarrassment at the meeting of the Board of Directors arose from the fact that a member of the Administrative Committee had submitted the confidential minutes of the Administrative Committee to a body that had not participated in the discussion, and to whom the minutes were not addressed --- an act which he regarded irregular.

Mr. Rothenberg stated that he did not consider it wrong to present the minutes of the Administrative Committee to the Keren Hayesod Board of Directors; that the minutes of the Administrative Committee were not confidential and that he was within his rights when he read them to the Keren Hayesod Board of Directors. The minutes, he further stated, give the impression that the Zionist Organization of America has made final decisions with regard to matters concerning the Keren Hayesod, without first consulting the officers of the Keren Hayesod.

The members of the Administrative Committee present at the last meeting, with the exception of Mr. Conheim, agreed with the Chairman, that the minutes were correctly reported, and that so far as the members of the Administrative Committee are concerned, for them the decisions were final and in so far as they affect the Keren Hayesod and the other Palestine collecting agencies they were of course subject to the agreement of these bodies.

UNITED PALESTINE FUNDS APPEAL

The Chairman reported on the recommendations made by the temporary Executive Staff of the United Palestine Funds Appeal appointed at the last meeting of the Administrative Committee. These recommendations included:

(1) That the National Palestine Conference be held in Baltimore on Sunday, November 22nd.

(2) That the following committees be constituted as the Administrative and Legislative Bodies of the United Palestine Funds Appeal:

(a) An Executive Staff which shall consist of representatives of each organization concerned in the Appeal, a general director of the Appeal and a publicity director.

(b) An Executive Committee which shall consist of the members of the Administrative Committees of the various organizations and institutions interested in the Appeal, namely: Zionist Organization of America, Keren Hayesod, Hadassah, Jewish National Fund, Hebrew University Committee,

(c) A large National Committee.

The Chairman also reported that the temporary Executive Staff has considered some plans in connection with the National Conference. These included an invitation to Dr. Weizmann to be present at the Conference, or if it is impossible for Dr. Weizmann to come, to ask him to suggest other European Zionist leaders whom he would regard as valuable for the campaign. It was also suggested that Sir Wyndham Doodes be invited to address the Conference. Another suggestion called for the securing, in advance, of various contributions of \$1,000,000. for the United Palestine Funds Appeal. Another suggestion was that if possible the Keren Hayesod Conference should be held simultaneously with the National Palestine Conference.

Before discussion of these recommendations, the Chairman called upon the representatives of the various institutions to present the official attitude of their respective institutions with regard to the United Palestine Funds Appeal.

Mrs. Edward Jacobs, on behalf of Hadassah, submitted the following resolution adopted at the meeting of the National Board held on Monday, October 26th. "It was unanimously decided that Hadassah enter the United Palestine Funds Appeal with the proper safeguards for Hadassah interests."

Dr. Abramowitz, representing the Jewish National Fund, gave the following extracts from the minutes of the Board of Directors of the Jewish National Fund, held on October 27th.

"Mr. Katz moved that the proposition submitted by Dr. Abramowitz calling for a United Appeal for Palestine Funds be agreed upon in principle with the following provisions, however, (1) That the regular routine work of the National Fund as: boxes, Golden Book inscriptions, stamps, Purim and Chanukah collections, flower and flag days remain entirely under the jurisdiction of the National Fund Bureau as heretofore and that the independence of the Bureau be safeguarded; (2) That no priority should be given to any fund in the distribution of the amounts received and that a monthly budget for the remittance of a definite amount of money to the National Fund in Palestine be guaranteed; (3) That proper representation be given to the Jewish National Fund in all National Committees Executive as well as Administrative; (4) That the National Fund be represented in all delegations coming to this country in the interest of the United Appeal; (5) That The National Fund Committees throughout the country be co-opted on the general committees of the United Appeal drive. (6) All the details of the final agreements between the various funds constituting the United Appeal be submitted to the Board of Directors for final ratification. This motion was seconded by

Mr. Lomport and after some hesitation on part of the Zeire Zion and Poale Zion representatives this motion was finally unanimously carried."

Mr. Rothenberg on behalf of the Keren Hayesod presented the following resolution adopted in principle at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Keren Hayesod at a meeting on Tuesday evening, October 27th:

"The Board of Directors of the Keren Hayesod favors the proposal made by the National Executive of the Zionist Organization of America for a joint drive for \$5,00,000., of essential Palestine Funds, for the current year, provided however, that the following conditions be observed:

"1. That the character of the Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Hayesod) as a non partisan financial agency for the gathering of funds in support of concrete work of reconstruction in Palestine be maintained.

"2. That the fund raising machinery of the Keren Hayesod be kept intact, that is to say, that the Keren Hayesod Committees throughout the country retain their character as Keren Hayesod Committees and that the directors and employees of the Keren Hayesod throughout the country remain under the control of the Keren Hayesod.

"3. That a Committee consisting of representatives of the several organizations participating in the Joint Drive be constituted to be in charge as the Campaign Committee or Committee on Appeal and that in addition a National Campaign Committee be selected at the National Conference to be called as proposed."

After discussion, it was decided to accept the recommendations of the temporary Executive Committee with the following amendments:

(1) That the National Conference be held in Baltimore on November 29th instead of November 22nd.

(2) That the Executive Staff which shall be part of the Administrative Committee shall consist of two representatives of each organization and institution concerned in the United Palestine Funds Appeal:

(3) That the Executive Staff shall work out detailed plans relating to the internal, financial, administrative and other arrangements with regard to the Campaign and present them for final approval to the United Campaign Committee, which shall consist, as recommended by the temporary Executive Staff, of the various Administrative Committees of the organizations and institutions concerned in the Campaign, namely: Zionist Organization of America, Keren Hayesod, Jewish National Fund, Hadasah, Hebrew University Committee.

It was further decided that Mr. Israel Goldberg continue to act as the publicity director for the United Palestine Funds Appeal until final arrangements are made with the Keren Hayesod for compensation, etc.

#### WEIZMANN'S APPROVAL

The Chairman presented the following cablegram, addressed to him and Dr. Wise, from Dr. Weizmann in reply to a cable sent asking him to come to America to cooperate in the United Palestine Funds Appeal:



"Delighted hear your intention make splendid effort under distinguished leadership Dr. Vise. Shall feel happy cooperate and shall inform you in a few days when could come. We all wish you hearty success."

#### CRIMEA

The Chairman then read extracts of a letter of Dr. Weizmann addressed to Mr. Marshall, in which Dr. Weizmann gives his views on Russian Colonization and the attitude of the Zionists. The letter read in part:

"You are aware from the Press that the Resolutions concerning the Jewish Agency were adopted by Congress by a very large majority, in spite of vehement opposition from a small but vociferous minority. You have also seen that the Congress did not take any action with regard to the Crimean project, and I am quite sure that the general Zionist opinion is either neutral or favourable towards the scheme, provided it is viewed not as a competitive undertaking to Palestine but-as you always very rightly put it-as an important matter of relief concerning the Russi-Jewish Community. A great deal will depend upon the way in which the propaganda for the project is carried on. There is, however, no doubt that for example here, and on the Continent, all kinds of anti-Zionist elements are using the project overtly and covertly as a means of deflecting the attention of Jewish communities from our Palestinian effort: it is also being used by Bolshevik propagandists as a means of gaining Jewish sympathies, and what is perhaps more important of deflecting those sympathies from the Balfour Declaration and Great Britain. The British Government is aware of this and in a Conference which I had last Friday with Mr. Amery this matter was brought up. I, of course, explained your attitude to him, and also the attitude of the other American leaders, and I made use of his remarks to impress upon him the necessity for the British Government to carry on a more active Palestine policy."

#### PALESTINE IMMIGRATION

The Chairman then presented a letter which Dr. Weizmann addressed to Colonel Kisch with reference to the new Palestine immigration regulations. It appears from the letter that as a result of the new regulation not a single visa has been granted to the so-called capitalists. It was decided, on motion of Mr. Goldberg, that a cable be sent to Dr. Weizmann for transmission to the Colonial Secretary demanding that the regulations be so amended as to enable the continued influx into Palestine of Jewish immigrants of means.

#### SESQUICENTENNIAL EXPOSITION.

The Chairman read a letter from Mr. Louis J. Levinthal of Philadelphia asking that the Zionist Organization of America cooperate with Philadelphia Committee in the erection of a Palestine pavilion at the Sesquicentennial Exposition. After discussion, it was decided that the Administrative Committee agree to cooperate with the Philadelphia Committee but that before definite action is taken, a competent authority be consulted as to the cost, etc., of such a pavilion. It was also the opinion of the Administrative Committee that should there be a Palestine pavilion, this pavilion should be under the auspices of the Zionist Organization of America and not under the auspices of a local committee.



#### PALESTINE PRODUCTS.

The Secretary presented a letter from Mr. Louis Germain, Chairman of the Palestine Products, in which he informs the Administrative Committee that his committee has amalgamated with the Palestine Chamber of Commerce and asks that the Administrative Committee approve of his action.

It was decided that Mr. Germain confer with Mr. Lipsky before any further action is taken in this matter.

In this connection, the Chairman called attention to the news story which appeared in the "World" with reference to the Palestine American Line. The news story gave the impression that the Zionist Organization of America was officially connected with that enterprise. It was decided that the Chairman issue a statement to the "World" stating that the Zionist Organization of America was neither officially nor unofficially connected with the Palestine Line.

#### FINANCES OF THE ORGANIZATION.

Mr. Louis Topkis on behalf of the Finance Committee submitted the following report:

(1) That the Finance Committee was opposed to the issuance of a special Palestine number of The New Palestine.

(2) That it was opposed to the engagement of Mr. Borowsky, as Director of Young Judaea, since the Organization was not in a position to assume the financial responsibility of this engagement.

The Chairman pointed out that the Zionist Organization of America by resolution adopted at the Convention assumed the financial burden of Young Judaea to the extent of \$25,000 a year and that the engagement of Mr. Borowsky, was in part the practical execution of this obligation. The Administrative Committee reaffirmed its previous decision.

It was further decided on recommendation of the Finance Committee that Dr. Bernstein and Mr. Weisgal, respectively, managing editors of Dos Yiddish Folk and The New Palestine submit to the Finance Committee for approval an editorial budget for the year retroactive as of July 1, 1925.

It was further decided on the recommendation of Mr. Weinstein that the Finance Committee be authorized to submit a budget for the entire year to the next meeting of the Administrative Committee. In this connection there ensued a lengthy discussion of the financial status of the Organization.

It was the consensus of opinion of all members present that the Organization will continue to be in financial difficulties, so long as it will continue to act as the propaganda instrument of the Palestine collecting agencies without proper reimbursement from the institutions which secure their funds largely through the propaganda of the Organization.

It was the opinion of the Administrative Committee that the Zionist Organization of America has not only the moral right but the moral duty to demand adequate compensation for the services rendered to the various institutions.

It was finally decided, on motion of Mr. Rosensohn, that the Finance Committee submit to the Administrative Committee a complete report as to the manner in which the Zionist Organization of America is to be reimbursed for expenses incurred by the Organization in connection with the United Palestine Funds Appeal

LEGAL ADVISER FOR ORGANIZATION

It was unanimously decided that Mr. Rosensohn be appointed the legal adviser of the Zionist Organization of America.

Respectfully submitted,

MEYER W. WEISSAL  
Secretary.



Z.O.A - Lipsky

October Twenty-ninth

1925

Mr. Louis Lipsky,

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

My dear Mr. Lipsky,

I am enclosing herewith copy of a rather interesting letter which I received a few days ago from Mr. Louis Marshall. I am also sending you a copy of my reply. If Mr. Weisgal wishes to publish this correspondence, I would suggest that he get permission from Mr. Marshall.

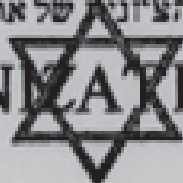
With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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October 23, 1925.

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

My dear Silver:

Thank you very much for your correspondence of  
October 23rd.

We delayed writing to Mr. Marshall, in accordance with the resolution adopted by the Administrative Committee, in view of a number of interesting developments. It was felt, a day after the meeting, that to write such a letter in advance of the meeting of the National Executive Committee would be premature. We felt that our first step was a positive, constructive decision, expected of us by the Zionists of the country in favor of pressing the priority of Palestine through a united action. We thought that after such a decision was made by the National Executive Committee, the situation should be reviewed and if, then, we felt a conference would be valuable in the interests of peace, without sacrificing our position, the step could be taken.

The outbreak of correspondence evoked by Mr. Brown's letter of invitation to many Jews of the country, asking them to become members of the Campaign Committee, produced a situation which prompted us to wait for further developments. Now, with the action of the Rabbinical Conference at Cincinnati and the reply to that Conference made by the American Jewish Congress, which closed its sessions in Philadelphia yesterday, we shall review the whole situation this Wednesday night and come to a decision with regard to what steps should be taken in line with the proposed action submitted to the Administrative Committee at the meeting where you were present.

We have received a cable from Dr. Weizmann, congratulating Dr. Wise upon having accepted the leadership of the United Palestine Funds Campaign, and informing us that he will let us know within two weeks the date of his coming to the United States. I have no doubt that he will come. When he comes, we shall be in a much better position to force a reversal of policy on the Joint Distribution Committee, and we

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are hopeful that through Dr. Weizmann's influence we shall win what may be called a bloodless battle. The best way to avoid a conflict is to organize our strength. I hope that is being done in Cleveland effectively.

We are coming out very soon with an appeal for a revision of all quotas upon the basis of the five million dollars we are asking for. The sentiment among the Zionists is strong.

With full appreciation of your fine cooperation, I am

Very cordially yours,

*Lucy*

Chairman

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To the Members of the  
Administrative Committee.

There will be no meeting of  
the Administrative Committee this Wednesday  
evening, owing to the absence from the city of  
Mr. Lipsky.

I am therefore directed by  
the Chairman to call a meeting of the Administrative  
Committee for Saturday evening, November 7th, at  
8:30, at the home of Mr. Hermann Conheim, 265 W. 90th St.,

This meeting will have for its  
consideration a number of important problems relating to  
the United Palestine Funds Appeal and every member of the  
Administrative Committee is urged to be present.

Very cordially yours,

*Meyer W. Weisgal*  
MEYER W. WEISGAL  
SECRETARY.

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November 4th, 1926.

To The Members of the  
Administrative Committee.

A meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Zionist Organization of America will be held on Wednesday afternoon, November 10th, at 4 o'clock at the office of the Zionist Organization, 114 Fifth Avenue.

This meeting is called for the afternoon in accordance with a decision of the Administrative Committee to hold an afternoon meeting once a month in order to make it possible for Dr. Silver to participate in the deliberations of the Committee.

A number of important matters will come up for consideration and the members are urgently requested to attend this meeting.

Very cordially yours,

*Meyer W. Weisgal*  
MEYER W. WEISGAL  
SECRETARY.

## THE UNIFIED SHEKEL

### NEW REGULATIONS.

#### A. RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE FOURTEENTH CONGRESS.

1. The shekel shall be uniform in future for the whole of the Zionist Organisation.

2. The administration of the shekel (distribution, accountancy, supervision, control) shall be centralized within each country. For this purpose, the Federation of each country and the territorial groups of the separate Unions shall form a joint committee (Central Shekel Commission). The territorial boundaries within which the Central Shekel Commission shall act shall be fixed by the Executive.

#### B. RESOLUTIONS OF THE ACTIONS COMMITTEE, DATED OCTOBER 26TH, 1925.

1. In accordance with the resolution of the Fourteenth Congress, the following has been decided concerning the unified shekel and the formation of Central Shekel Commissions:—

(a) The shekel receipt shall be uniform for all.

(b) The Central Shekel Commissions shall be composed of representatives of the local Federation and of local groups of the Separate Unions. The number of representatives allotted to each group shall be in proportion to the number of delegates representing the respective groups at the last Congress. Each group existing in the country is entitled, however, to send at least one representative; the number of representatives of any one group must not exceed 50 per cent. of the total number, unless all groups concerned unanimously agree on a different ratio. The representatives of the Federation itself should include also all the parties within the federation that put up their candidates at the elections to the last Congress.

(c) Shekel propaganda may be added to the functions of the Central Shekel Commission, provided a unanimous decision to that effect has been reached. All resolutions of the Central Shekel Commissions concerning shekel propaganda can be passed only by unanimous vote.

(d) In countries where a Central Shekel Commission has not been constituted within the time limit prescribed, or is not in working order, the Executive shall at first, with the aid of the Federation and the central offices of the Separate Unions, use all endeavours to remove existing difficulties; in case of failure, they shall appoint a Central Shekel Commission or a Shekel Commission to act in their place.

(e) The Executive shall see to it that the proper administration of the shekel system is ensured. They shall appoint in every country Agents charged with the supervision of the shekel administration.

(f) The Central Shekel Commission shall appoint in each locality a shekel committee, the constitution of which is to be modelled on its own. In localities in which all groups are not represented, the shekel committee will be smaller in proportion. In places where, in spite of consultation with the Federation and the local groups of Separate Unions, no effective committee has been constituted within the time limit set by the Central Shekel Commission, the latter shall be entitled to appoint a Commissioner.

(g) The Central Shekel Commission shall distribute the shekel receipts sent by the Executive to the local shekel committees, which, in their turn, shall appoint Collectors for the sale of the shekolim. The dispatch of shekel receipts to the various shekel committees should take place simultaneously.

(h) The Executive are entitled to grant exceptions from the foregoing rules wherever unforeseen circumstances seem to demand special consideration of a case. The approval of the Chairman of the Congress Court and of the Chairman of the A.C. must previously be obtained.

2. The Executive are invited to prepare a draft of those regulations that affect the elections to the Congress, and to submit it to the A.C. at its next session.

#### C. INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED BY THE EXECUTIVE CONCERNING THE CONSTITUTION OF CENTRAL AND LOCAL SHEKEL COMMISSIONS.

In pursuance of the resolutions of the Fourteenth Congress and of the Actions Committee, the Executive hereby issue the following instructions:—

(1) A Central Shekel Commission shall jointly be constituted in every country by the Zionist Federation and the territorial groups of Separate Unions.

(2) As a general rule, the powers of Central Shekel Commissions shall be exercised within the boundaries of their respective countries. Exceptions to this rule are Poland and Roumania, where the following separate Central Shekel Commissions shall be constituted until further notice:—

In Poland: (1) Eastern Galicia; (2) Western Galicia; (3) Wilna; and (4) other Polish territory.

In Roumania: (1) Bessarabia; (2) Bukovina; (3) Transylvania; and (4) Old Roumania.

(3) The Zionist Federations and the groups of Separate Unions in every country shall immediately enter into communication with each other with a view to the constitution of Central Shekel Commissions and shall do all in their power to advance the establishment of such commissions.

(4) The principles set forth in the resolution of the Actions

Committee (1 b) shall serve as a guide in constituting the Central Shekel Commissions.

Difficulties opposing the carrying out of these principles shall be removed by agreement of all concerned. Should this method not lead to a satisfactory solution, the Executive shall be asked to decide.

In order to ensure the efficient working of the Commission, whose duties shall be mainly of an administrative character, it is advisable to reduce the number of its members to a minimum consistent with efficiency.

(5) The time limit within which the Central Shekel Commissions must be definitely constituted terminates on the 30th November, 1925. This limit has been extended for the overseas countries to the 31st December, 1925.

(6) On or before that date, the Executive must be in possession of the following particulars:—

(a) Number and names of members of the Central Shekel Commissions.

(b) Address to which communications for the Commission are to be sent.

(c) Address to which the Shekel booklets are to be despatched.

(d) Full address of the person responsible for the accounts of the shekel monies.

(f) Required quantity of shekel booklets.

The first duty of the central shekel commission shall be the provision of proper facilities for the reception, custody and distribution of the shekel booklets, as well as for the regular remittance and accounting of the shekel monies. Central Shekel Commissions and their officers shall keep bookkeeping detailed account of the distributed shekel books and of the collected shekel monies.

(8) Every Central Shekel Commission shall prepare in time a list of places where shekolim are to be sold. In accordance with the resolutions of the Actions Committee (1 f), a local shekel committee shall be set up in every such place, with the assistance of the Federation and the groups of Separate Unions concerned. The Central Shekel Commission shall set a time limit for this purpose, at the expiration of which it shall be entitled to appoint a shekel commissioner for the district wherever no working committee shall have been established, or where only one party shall be found to be represented.

(9) The local shekel committees shall be rendered responsible for the proper reception, custody and return of shekel booklets, as well as for the remittance and accounting of shekel monies.

Provision shall further be made for the keeping of proper books concerning the administration of shekel booklets and shekel monies by the local shekel committees.

(10) The Executive will despatch to the Central Shekel Commissions the required quantity of shekel booklets immediately they receive particulars regarding the membership and address of the Commission. Central Shekel Commissions are expected to make a careful estimate of the quantity of shekolim they are likely to require in order that no money is wasted in ordering and despatching quantities of shekolim in excess of actual requirements.

(11) The Central Shekel Commission shall distribute the shekel booklets received from the Executive among the various local shekel committees (or commissioners). Other methods of distribution are not allowed. The Central Shekel Commission must not issue shekel booklets to the Central committees of the Zionist Federation or any groups of a Separate Union for further distribution, as this would be in contradiction to the principle of the unified shekel.

A local shekel committee (or commissioners) shall be appointed, of course, at the seat of the Central Shekel Commission, as in other places for the distribution of shekel booklets among collectors.

(12) The Central Shekel Commission shall make provision for the simultaneous despatch of shekolim to all local shekel committees (or commissioners) at the beginning of the shekel year.

The quantity of shekolim to be despatched shall be determined in accordance with local conditions. The greatest possible economy shall prevail, and the despatch of obviously excessive quantities to any one place must be avoided.

(13) The local shekel committees (or commissioners) shall entrust shekel booklets only to such persons as can be completely relied on to conduct the sale in a proper manner and pay in the proceeds as well as return the shekel booklets.

It is expected that the representatives of each Zionist group sitting on the local shekel committees will be able to name persons for whom they will be able to vouch, suitable to act as shekel collectors.

No shekel collector shall be entrusted with an excessively large quantity of shekel booklets at a time. No further booklets may be issued to a collector until the booklets previously received have been returned and paid for.

(14) Pars. 3-5 do not apply to countries where, after inquiries addressed by the Executive to the head offices of the Separate Unions, not more than one of the associations mentioned in Par. 1 will be proved to exist.

(15) The Central Shekel Commissions shall constantly keep the Executive informed of any arrangements made. Wherever special arrangements become necessary (see resolutions of A. C., Par. 1 b), no time shall be lost in communicating these to the Executive, together with full reasons for the course suggested.

#### EXECUTIVE OF THE ZIONIST ORGANISATION.

London, 3th November, 1925.

## THE REFORM OF THE SHEKEL SYSTEM.

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### Explanatory notes on the resolutions adopted by the 14th Congress and the Actions Committee in connection with the unified shekel.

#### I.

##### Under the old system

- a) Special shekel receipts, differing in appearance, were printed for the use of Federations and of each Separate Union respectively;
- b) shekel booklets were sent by the Executive to each Federation and each group of any Separate Union, who were independent of each other in the administration of the shekelim;
- c) the number of delegates to Congress to which each Federation or group of a Separate Union was entitled had to be fixed in accordance with the quantity of shekelim sold and remitted for by each of them;
- d) shekel holders could avail themselves of their right to vote only within the constituency of a Federation or Separate Union from whom they had purchased their shekelim.

The following alterations in the system have been effected on the introduction of the unified shekel:

- a) One uniform type of shekel receipt will be issued to all purchasers of shekelim, to whatever party they may belong, instead of the old manifold types which varied in appearance according to Federations and Separate Unions;
- b) The Executive will supply shekel booklets not to the various Federations and groups in each country separately, but to a neutral, central body which will administer the shekelim on the basis of an agreement of all concerned;
- c) The total of shekelim sold in the whole of a country will serve as basis for fixing the number of the delegates of this country to the Congress;
- d) All shekel holders domiciled in a particular country will jointly participate in the election of delegates, the adoption of electoral facilities for the minorities providing each shade of opinion with an opportunity of securing representatives at the Congress, according to the number of votes polled;

The regulations now issued, which deal only with the regulation of the shekel administration (a.b). are aiming at creating the institutions which are necessary for carrying out the new system.



## II.

The administration of the shekel in each country has been placed into the hands of a joint body, which will consist of the representatives of all existing parties. With this purpose in view, the Federation and all groups of Separate Unions existing in each country will enter into a working arrangement and form a so-called territorial Shekel Association, which will elect a Central Shekel Commission to carry out its intentions. This Commission will be a neutral body, directing the distribution of shekolim, the accounting of shekel monies and the control of the whole system. Under given conditions, the Commission may increase the range of its activities, as explained further on (IV).

## III.

### ( Resolution of the Actions Committee - I, b. )

The Congress and the Actions Committee ( the latter acting on instructions of the former) have laid down certain principles with regard to the relative strength of the representation of the various parties upon the Central Shekel Commissions. These principles, which have been set forth with a view to facilitating agreement between the parties to be represented, can be summed up as follows:-

- a) The Federation and each group of the Separate Unions will send to the Commission a number of representatives proportionate to the number of the delegates by which they were represented at the 14th Congress. This ratio, however, is subject to amendment (see c);
- b) At the same time, each Federation and local group of a Separate Union is entitled to at least one representative, even if it had sent no delegate to the last Congress;
- c) In order to exclude the possibility of one party having a majority over all the other, it has been decided that no single Federation or group of a Separate Union may claim more than 50 per cent of the total representation. It follows that any group exceeding 50 per cent of the total membership will be compelled to reduce the number of its representatives accordingly;
- d) The groups concerned are however, entitled to elect the Central Shekel Commission in a ratio differing from that given under a, b, c, provided unanimous agreement has been reached.

It may be added that these regulations concern only the comparative strength of representation of the various groups. The actual size of the membership of the Commissions in each country is left to the determination of those concerned.

The representatives of Federations on Central Shekel Commissions will consist of members of all parties which, if any, exist within the Federation and came forward at the last Congress elections.

The above detailed regulations have been drawn up with a view to avoiding controversy and facilitating the establishment of these new cooperating bodies. It must not be overlooked that the Central Shekel Commissions will be purely administrative bodies which will not be called upon to decide questions of principle, so that no serious disagreement concerning the ratio to be employed is likely to arise.

IV.

( Resolution of the A.C. - I, c. )

In principle, the Central Shekel Commissions are being established for the purpose of administering (i.e. distributing, accounting, supervising) shekolim. They may, however, if unanimous agreement is reached, add shekel propaganda to their other functions. In this connection, it should be remembered that there are certain differences in propaganda methods as employed by general Zionists and by each Separate Union respectively. It may be possible, therefore, that some of these groups will prefer to conduct their own propaganda as heretofore, notwithstanding the joint administration. The introduction of the unified shekel does not render such a procedure irregular.

On the other hand, now that the shekel has become unified it should be possible - and, on the whole it is desirable - to centralize the Zionist shekel propaganda in each country. The various parties represented in the central shekel commissions might again, decide to carry out some of the propaganda work jointly with others, reserving to themselves the right to carry out the remainder in their own way. This being a matter of free agreement, the commissions have been instructed that all decisions concerning shekel propaganda must be unanimous.

V.

( Resolution of the Actions Committee - I, d. )

The setting-up of Central Shekel Commissions is the primary condition of shekel activities in all countries. Work on behalf of the shekel cannot begin before such commissions have been established. The Executive expects Federations and groups to complete the establishment of the commissions by the date fixed for the purpose (30th November; or, for overseas countries, 31st December, 1925). Should this not be the case or should the commission, when formed, not be capable of working, the Executive have been instructed to form a commission or, alternatively, to appoint a commissioner on their own authority, so as to ensure the continuity of the shekel activities.

VI.

( Resolution of the Actions Committee - I, e. )

It is the Executive's right and duty to supervise the administration of the shekel, which is the source of their income, and to make sure that the shekel system is carried out by all bodies concerned in a legal and regular manner. The Congress has authorised the Executive to establish special agents for the proper supervision of the shekel. It is hoped that this will remove the abuses complained of in the past.

VII.

( Resolution of the Actions Committee - I, f. )

The Central Shekel Commissions shall appoint within their countries at all suitable places Local Committees constituted on the same lines as the central bodies, viz:

a) Every Zionist group existing in any one place, those affiliated to the Federation as well as those belonging to Separate Unions, shall be entitled to a number of representatives upon the Local Committee that shall be proportionate to the strength of the

delegation sent by the respective Federation or group of that country to the last Congress. This ratio is subject to the amendment set forth in d).

b) Under any circumstances, each group of the local Federation or of a Separate Union shall be entitled to at least one representative;

c) Such groups as are not represented in the locality are naturally not entitled to sending a representative to the local shekel committee;

d) As a general rule, no group shall be entitled to a number of representatives exceeding 50 per cent of the total membership of the committee, so that any group actually entitled to a larger number of representatives shall reduce it accordingly;

e) Another ratio may be used when forming the local shekel committees provided unanimous agreement on the point has been reached;

f) In localities where only one group exists, the Central Shekel Commissions shall appoint a local shekel Commissioner. There is no objection to the Commissioner enlisting the cooperation of a few persons in carrying out his duties.

The Central Shekel Commission shall set a time limit at the expiration of which effective local shekel committees must be established. In case of failure, the Central Commission shall appoint a Shekel Commissioner.

The Local Shekel Committees will be joint neutral administrative bodies, the main task of which will be the distribution of shekel booklets and their collection after use, the collection of shekel monies and their remittance to the Central Shekel Commissions.

#### VIII.

##### (Resolution of the Actions Committee I, g.)

The shekolim will be distributed as follows: the Executive will supply the Central Shekel Commissions with the quantities of shekolim required for their respective countries. The Central Commissions will distribute the supply of shekolim to the Local Committees (or Commissioners), which, in their turn, will appoint Collectors for the actual sale of shekolim to individual Zionists.

Any departure from the procedure described above would infringe the regulations laid down in P.A. I, g) and the very principle of a unified shekel. It would be particularly irregular for the Central Shekel Commissions to hand over shekel booklets to the Federation or to local groups of the Separate Unions, instead of placing them into the hands of the Local Shekel Committees.

At the beginning of a new shekel year the central shekel commissions shall see to it that the Shekel booklets intended for various localities shall be despatched simultaneously, as complaints have been made in the past that all parts of the Organisation did not receive their shekolim at the same time.



IX.

(Resolution of the Actions Committee - I, h.)

With the approval of the chairman of the Congress Court and the chairman of the Actions Committee, the Executive may grant exceptions from the above rules should this, for reasons of importance, become necessary.

X.

( Resolution of the Actions Committee - II. )

As already set forth in I, the introduction of the unified shekel will vitally influence the elections to Congress and will necessitate the issue of special election rules. At the last meeting of the Actions Committee, however, only resolutions concerning the administration of the shekel have been passed. The question of elections to the Congress will be dealt with at one of the forthcoming meetings and steps will be taken to carry out the resolutions adopted by Congress. Individual Zionists and Zionist bodies, however, must fully realise that the election of delegates to future Congresses will be intimately bound up with the administration of the unified shekel.

Organisation Department  
of the Executive of the Zionist Organisation



London, November 5th, 1925.



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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

THE TEMPLE CLEVELAND OHIO

WE CANNOT DO WITHOUT YOU SUNDAY EVERYTHING ELSE MUCH BE PUT  
 ASIDE YOUR PRESENCE AND UTTERANCE WITH SOKOLOV WISE INDISPENSABLE  
 TO BALTIMORE CONFERENCE WE BEG YOU TO ACCEPT THIS MOST URGENT  
 INVITATION

LIPSKY ROTHENBERG ROSENBLATT KALISKI NEWMANN WISE

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Abramowitz

Rabbi Silver:

Urge you wire immediately regarding arrangement supplementary effort Cleveland accordance our letter December 9th. Prepared send Abramowitz Cleveland. Make necessary arrangements.

115 Fifth Avenue... Emanuel Newmann  
New York City.

I have written Abramowitz.

(Signed) A. H. Silver

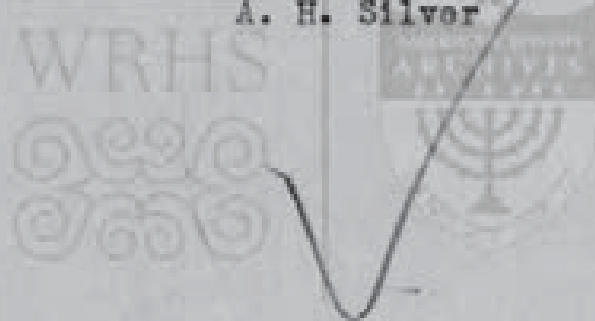
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Cleveland, November 27th, 1925

Louis Lipsky  
Zionist Organization of America  
114 Fifth Avenue, New York City

Regret exceedingly will not be able to attend  
Baltimore Conference. Have been unable to procure a substitute.  
Will send you a message.

A. H. Silver



4500 Grand Blvd.

Chicago Dec. 21

DEar Rabbi Silver

I send you the enclosed, as to the Vice President of the American Zionist Organization. By this you will see why I had such a "Reception" here, as this Director is quite a favorite with Mr Lipsky, who inspite of all his admirable traits, - likes to surround himself with such individuals, - flexible and bendable; - am unfortunately too primitive not to call a spade a spade...and invite the scorn of the mighty..

I am here only for a short while, - to renew my passport and in Feb. I leave again for home, (Palestine) Have left N.Y., because I am out of tune with the unhealthy politics of our Zionist Office.

Will be glad, Dr Silver, if you acknowledge the receipt of same

Sincerely

Bella Kersner



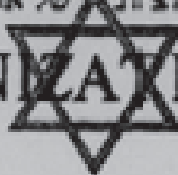
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114 FIFTH AVENUE  
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December 14th, 1925.

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To The Members of the  
Administrative Committee.

There will be no meeting of  
the Administrative Committee this Wednesday  
night, for the reason that the majority of  
members of the Committee, have important en-  
gagements in connection with the United Palestine  
Appeal.

A regular Administrative Commit-  
tee meeting will be held the following Wednesday,  
December 23rd, at the Jewish Institute of  
Religion, 40 West 68th Street.

You will receive a confirmation of  
this meeting next Monday or Tuesday.

Very sincerely yours,

*Meyer W. Weisgal*  
MEYER W. WEISGAL  
SECRETARY.

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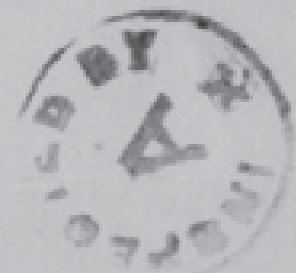
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*Silver*  
*1485 E. 106th*  
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CANADIAN ZIONISTS EXECUTIVE RESPECTFULLY INVITE YOU PARTICIPATE IN AND  
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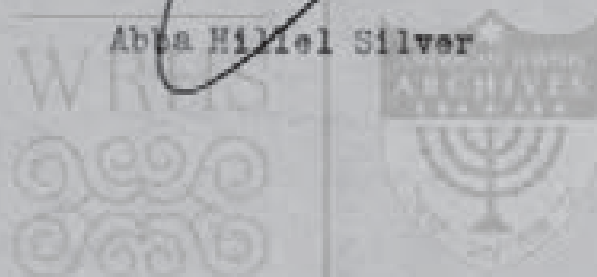
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December 23rd, 1925

Leon Goldman  
Zionist Organization  
Montreal, Quebec

Regret that pressure of work and previous engagements make it impossible for me to accept your very kind invitation. Trust that your convention will prove highly successful and contribute in a large measure to the triumph of our great cause.

Abba Hillel Silver



# PALESTINE CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY, INC.

## BALANCE SHEET

As of December 31, 1925

### ASSETS

Cash in Banks.....	\$ 551.93
This amount represents cash on deposit.	
Securities Owned.....	133,318.75
This amount represents the market value of domestic and foreign government bonds, also railroad and industrial bonds. There is also held by the corporation 100 shares of stock of the Jewish Colonial Trust Company, for which no value is included herein.	
Accrued Interest Receivable on Securities.....	2,445.00
This amount represents the interest due and uncollected on the bonds listed above.	
Loans to the Palestine Building Loan and Savings Assn., Ltd.....	350,316.04
This amount represents the loan of £E70,441.338. The Egyptian Pound was figured at \$4.97316 which was the closing price as of December 31, 1925.	
Investment in Central Bank of Co-operative Institutions in Palestine, Ltd. ....	124,329.00
This amount represents the value of 20,000 First Preference Shares of £E 1 each and 5,000 Second Preference Shares of £E 1 each. The Egyptian Pound was figured at \$4.97316, which was the closing price of the exchange as of December 31, 1925.	
Rutenberg Project Trust Receipts.....	29,149.39
This amount represents an investment in a special fund against a commitment to the Rutenberg Hydro-Electric Power Project.	
Stock of the Palestine Building Loan and Savings Assn., Ltd.....	24.25
Investment—Palestine Mining Syndicate, Inc. (Dead Sea Project), at Cost .....	4,855.00
<b>Total Assets .....</b>	<b>\$644,990.26</b>

### CAPITAL, LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

Common Stock Issued and Outstanding.....	\$ 1,000.00
This represents the value of the entire authorized issued common stock, which has been paid for cash by the Palestine Development Council.	
Preferred Stock Issued and Outstanding.....	377,710.00
This amount represents the cash paid for 37,771 shares of preferred stock of the par value of \$10.00 each which have been issued.	
Net Subscriptions to Preferred Stock.....	13,917.50
This amount represents the payment by subscribers on account of their subscriptions to the Capital Stock.	
Moneys Received from Palestine Endowment Funds, Inc., Under Special Loan Agreement .....	127,810.00
The original amounts received totalled \$113,800.00 on which there is interest payable to date amounting to \$14,010.00.	
Palestine Endowment Funds, Inc., Special Deposit.....	34,000.00
Reserve for Contingencies.....	50,868.45
This item represents a reserve fund of ten per cent. against the principal investments.	
Surplus .....	39,684.31
This amount represents the profits on operations of the Company (including the accrual of interest on the loans to the Palestine Building and Loan Association) after deducting all expenses, as well as the interest due on moneys under Special Loan Agreement.	
<b>Total Capital, Liabilities and Surplus.....</b>	<b>\$644,990.26</b>

We have audited the books and accounts of the Palestine Co-operative Company, Inc., as of December 31, 1925, verified the existence of all investments made by that company both in Palestine and the United States, and, in our opinion, the above statement correctly sets forth the financial condition as of that date.

BERNARD REIS & COMPANY,  
by Bernard J. Reis,  
Certified Public Accountant (New York).

Des Moines

# Zionist Organization of America

Des Moines District

MRS. A. I. BLOTCKY, SECY.  
1608 - 12TH ST

*answered from New York*

DES MOINES, IOWA

Jan. 5, 1926.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

As you are scheduled to appear on the Civic Forum  
of the Jewish Community Center of Des Moines on Feb. 16th.,  
we take pleasure in extending to you an invitation to a luncheon  
on that date to be given by the Zionists of Des Moines in your  
honor. Knowing your devotion and service to the cause which  
is so dear to all of us, we are indeed glad of the opportunity  
of having you with us and hope it will be possible for you to  
accept our invitation. Hoping to hear from you at your convenience,

I am

Respectfully yours,

*Alice D. Blotcky (Mrs. A.I.)*  
Secretary.



# The New Palestine

Official Organ of the  
ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA  
114 Fifth Avenue, New York  
Telephone, Chelsea 10400

January 10th, 1926.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I will be greatly obliged to you if you would be good enough to send me, say between 1000 and 1500 words, advance "copy" of your speech of January 17th for publication in The New Palestine.

I am sure you will agree with me that a speech prepared with the idea of its publication makes much better reading than when reproduced from stenographic notes.

Will you please be good enough to let me know whether I may expect it?

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Meisgal*  
MEYER W. WEISGAL  
MANAGING EDITOR.

MW:SK.

January 15th, 1926.

Mr. H.W. Weisgal,  
114 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Weisgal,

I am sending you herewith  
a few paragraphs which contain the meat  
of the address which I hope to deliver  
next Sunday night. The trimmings I am  
holding for the meeting.

I am

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

February First  
1926

Mr. Meyer W. Weisgal,  
The New Palestine,  
Zionist Organization of America,  
114 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Weisgal,

I wonder whether Professor Boris Schatz intends to make a tour of the United States in order to exhibit his work. I should like to bring his exhibit to Cleveland. I do not know how to reach him. Would you find out for me whether he plans to come this way and let me know.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Prof. Schatz

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114 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK

February 4th, 1926.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I understand from the committee that Professor Schatz will make a tour of a number of cities, although the cities have not yet been definitely decided upon.

I am handing your letter over to Mr. Joseph Brainin, who is in charge of this particular aspect of the work in connection with Professor Schatz's visit to this country, and he will communicate with you directly.

With kind personal regards to Mrs. Silver and yourself, I am,

Very cordially yours,

*Meingal*  
MEYER W. WEISGAL  
SECRETARY.

MWW:FK.



ARMIN H. FRIEDMAN  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW  
211 PEOPLES BANK BLDG.  
MCKEESPORT, PA.

February 12th  
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Rabbi Abba H. Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi:-

I received the following telegram from Rabbi  
Stephen S. Wise this afternoon:-

"Deeply regret cannot return to Pittsburgh  
from St. Louis until Tuesday night in time for dinner therefore,  
Tuesday noon meeting off."

Stephen S. Wise

This speaks for itself and makes it imperative  
that we make other plans than that suggested by you.

We had a tentative promise as can be seen from the  
telegram from Rabbi Wise if he could cancel his St. Louis Engage-  
ment and this being impossible we are forced to make other plans  
for McKeesport.

May I in the first place mention to you the fact  
that this is the first Palestine campaign in this Community in  
which I have participated. I remember being present with you  
at the convention of American Rabbis in Buffalo in 1917 at which  
the subject of Palestine was so passionately discussed; later I  
was "talked to" by the late Sol Rosenbloom and also the late Louis  
Topkis of Wilmington with a view of interesting myself in the cause,  
but it was only after a visit to this Community by Louis Lipsky  
that I became interested heart and soul in the activities of Pal-  
estine.

Heretofore this Community has done very little for  
Palestine but I feel that if you come to this Community you will  
achieve a two fold mission.

In the first place instead of raising a small sum  
of money as has heretofore been done for this cause, McKeesport  
Jewry will, I am quite sure, respond to an appeal from you and make

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MCKEESPORT, PA.

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Rabbi Abba E. Silver

a substantial donation to the cause of Palestine.

The highest ever raised for Palestine in this Community was the sum of \$700.00 but I feel that with the present organization and committee, together with an appeal from you, we will be able to go far above our quota of \$5000.00.

In the second place, the value of such an appeal coming from you will greatly enhance the cause of the Palestine appeal in the future, for once having given the higher standard of giving can therefore be expected in the future from the same contributors.

I realize in coming to this Community, you will be making a great sacrifice but I can assure you that in this Community there is no person in American Israel whom the Jewry of McKeesport more ardently respect and revere than you; that in our Community you have a hold on the people even greater than the leader of the appeal.

I trust you will be able to give us a date for an appeal in McKeesport and that upon receipt of this letter, you will immediately wire me the date which you can come, so that we can commence the proper arrangements for this campaign.

I note that by a Pittsburgh & Lake Erie schedule, that you will be able to leave Cleveland at 1:35 P. M., arriving in Pittsburgh at 5:10; we will have an automobile meet you at the station for the run to McKeesport is a bare one-half hour ride and we will also see to it that you get back to the Lake Erie station in time to leave for Cleveland, if you so desire at 11:30 P. M.

Trusting to hear of your acceptance/and the date thereof no later than Saturday, believe me, to be,

Most sincerely yours,

AHF:ES

*Armin H. Friedman*

Collect Day Letter to

15<sup>th</sup>  
February 14<sup>th</sup>, 1926

Armin H. Friedman  
211 Peoples Bank Building,  
McKeesport, Penna.

Regret exceedingly cannot accept kind invitation. Have  
undertaken a very heavy schedule of lectures during next month. Best wishes for  
a successful campaign.

A. H. Silver.

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114 FIFTH AVENUE  
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February 15, 1926.

To the Members of the  
National Executive Committee:

A meeting of the National Executive Committee will be held on Monday, February 22, (Washington's birthday), beginning at 10:30 A.M., at the Hotel Pennsylvania, Seventh Avenue and 33rd Street, New York.

This meeting of the National Executive Committee is called in connection with the annual meeting of the National Council of the Keren Hayesod, which is being held in New York on the preceding day (Sunday, February 21), thus making it possible for a number of out-of-town members of the National Executive Committee, who are also delegates to the National Council, to attend the National Executive Committee meeting without making a special trip to New York.

A number of important matters will come before this meeting of the National Executive Committee, notably Mr. Lipsky's report of the Zionist situation abroad. Mr. Lipsky, as you know, has just returned from a visit to London where he conferred with Dr. Weizmann on important Zionist problems.

In addition, plans will be made at this meeting for the resumption of membership activities in the Spring, following the close of the United Palestine Appeal. Other matters of importance to come before the meeting include ratification of an agreement entered into between the Zionist Organization and the Hias for conducting a campaign whereby American relatives of European residents will be enabled to aid the latter to emigrate to Palestine.

Chaim Nachman Bialik, Mr. Sokolov and Dr. Schmarya Levin have been invited to attend this meeting.

The Administrative Committee hopes that notwithstanding the short notice given, it will be possible for you to attend this meeting.

Very cordially yours,

  
Meyer W. Weisgal  
Secretary.

MWW:FK



# SEVEN ARTS

FEATURE SYNDICATE

160 Fifth Avenue  
New York

February 18, 1926

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Replying to your letter addressed to Mr. Weisgal with regard to an exhibit of the Bezalel School in Cleveland, I regret that it is impossible, at the present time, to state whether Professor Schatz will be able to carry out his plans for exhibitions outside of New York.

You may rest assured that as soon as anything definite is decided, you will be advised immediately.

Very sincerely yours,

*Joseph Brainin*

Joseph Brainin

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February 21st, 1926

Dear friend:

The Bialik Program which we are enclosing herewith was issued by Young Judaea on the occasion of Bialik's arrival in America for the use of its clubs and other educational groups.

The Bialik Program is one of many similar programs which Young Judaea issues as a guide to the growing Jewish boys and girls in their discussions of leading Jewish men and events.

We feel certain that you will find the contents of this program of interest. We shall be glad to send you these programs as they appear, should you express a desire for them.

Sincerely yours,

*S. J. Borowsky*  
Executive Chairman

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Rabbi Abba H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My Dear Rabbi Silver:

Will you kindly furnish us with your  
latest photograph and as much material as  
possible regarding your Zionist work?

Will you let us have the foregoing  
at your earliest possible convenience?

Yours very truly,

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THE TEMPLE CLEVELAND OHIO

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION ADVISES YOU SCHEDULED CHICAGO APRIL EIGHTH

CAN YOU COME ON SEVENTH ADDRESS AVUKAH STUDENT MASS MEETING EITHER

WISCONSIN CHAPTER MADISON OR MICHIGAN ANN ARBOR PURPOSE FORMING NEW

CHAPTER BOTH NEAR CHICAGO STOP THOUGH THIS FIRST TIME ASKING YOU

COOPERATE KNOW YOU WILL MAKE SACRIFICE IF NECESSARY TO HELP AVUKAH

MOVEMENT TO SAVE ACADEMIC YOUTH FOR ZIONIST CAUSE

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*W. H. H. H.*  
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FROM MAIN OFFICE

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*3/16/26*  
*J. E.*



Rabbi A. H. Silver:

Z.O.A. 3/16/24 XV  
Washington

Zionist Organization advises you scheduled Chicago April 8th. Can you come on Seventh? Address Abukah Student Mass Meeting either Wisconsin Chapter Madison, or Michigan Ann Arbor. Purpose forming new chapter, both near Chicago. Though this first time asking you, cooperate. Know you will make sacrifice if necessary to hold Abukah movement to save academic youth for Zionist cause.

Max Rhode,  
National President,  
Union Trust Bldg.,  
Washington, D. C.

Regret another engagement makes  
it impossible for me to accept  
your kind invitation —

A. H. Silver

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Houston, Texas ✓\*



# THE TEXAS ZIONIST ASSOCIATION

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March 23, 1926.

Rabbi Abbel Hillel Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I take this means of extending to you an invitation to attend the State Convention of the Texas Zionist Association to be held in Houston, Texas, Sunday, May 30th. In the evening there will be a mass meeting at the City Auditorium and would ask that you be the speaker of the occasion. We do not expect to make an appeal for funds, as our campaign will be closed by that time.

It is important that we have the case of Palestine presented by one of our nationally known leaders.

*To the point* We have a United Community with an opportunity to bring in the whole Reform Element, as we have on a joint drive this year. The sentiment here is favorable, and your presence will bring about this happy result, not only in Houston, but the entire State of Texas.

With the announcement of your coming our campaign for membership over the State will be stimulated, our workers enthused, and a large delegation from the various cities insured.

I am taking this matter up with you direct, without the formality of writing to New York, and I hope that you will give it earnest consideration, with a view of visiting this great State as our guest.

Awaiting your reply, and with Zion's greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

Pres. Texas Zionists Association.

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March 29th, 1926.

Mr. Louis A. Freed,  
311 State National Bank Bldg.,  
Houston, Texas.

My dear Mr. Freed,

Permit me to thank you for your  
kind letter of March 23rd and for your  
invitation to address the state convention  
of the Texas Zionist Association on Sunday,  
May 30th. I wish I could see my way clear  
to come but unfortunately my congregational  
duties will compell me to remain in Cleveland  
until the close of June at which time I may  
go abroad.

I am looking forward with pleasure  
to visiting Texas some day at which time I shall  
be very happy to be of service to you.

With kindest regards and best wishes,  
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

על אשכול ודשלים תשבה ימינו

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

We are engaged in getting up a Baltimore Bialik Book in honor of our distinguished poet when he will be the guest of Jewry of this city on May 9th and 10th. Our idea is to get up an artistic book which will contain articles, essays and poems by prominent local and National Jewish leaders. We hope this Book will commend itself not only to the poet, but to all National leaders of the Zionist cause.

Will you be good enough to co-operate with us and write us an article, to contain not more than 1000 words, on some subject commemorative of the glory of Zionism or the achievements of our guest? Please be good enough to advise us when we may expect this as we are very anxious to put it in the hands of the printer at the earliest possible moment. Kindly mail articles direct to the Zionist Office in this city.

Very truly yours,

*E. Milton Altfeld*  
E. MILTON ALTFELD, CHAIRMAN,  
BIALIK BOOK COMMITTEE.

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4/1/26

A.H.Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

As former vice chairman of the  
Zionist Organization of America, would appreciate  
a brief statement for publication in next week's issue  
of New Palestine on significance of organization month.  
Statement must be in our hands Sunday, April 4th.  
Please send it press rate, collect.

Meyer W. Weisgal.



The victories which have been  
won for Palestine and Israel  
were ~~the~~ made possible by  
organization discipline and  
loyalty. <sup>stop</sup> The many problems  
which are likely to present  
themselves in the near or the  
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in condition that we <sup>maintain</sup> ~~have~~  
the same ~~solidarity~~ <sup>solidarity</sup> ~~with~~  
effective machinery. It is  
therefore of prime importance  
that the ~~Z.O.G.~~ be every  
Jew concerned with the fulfill-  
ment of our national aspirations  
~~be closely~~ <sup>be closely</sup> affiliated ~~with~~  
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114 FIFTH AVENUE  
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April 20, 1926

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
1485 East 106th St.,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Dr. Solomon Deutsch, a Director of the American Zion Commonwealth and an active Zionist, will be in Cleveland, the early part of next week in the interests of the American Zion Commonwealth for its sale of Palestine land to American Jews, and also in the interest of the Palestine Securities, Inc., for the sale of bonds.

As you know, both the American Zion Commonwealth and the Palestine Securities, Inc., are sponsored by the Zionist Organization and we confidently trust that you will give Dr. Deutsch your wholehearted cooperation in his efforts to interest the Jews of Cleveland in the work of the American Zion Commonwealth and Palestine Securities, Inc.

Very truly yours,

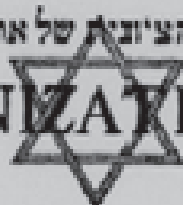
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April 26th, 1926.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am directed by the Administrative Committee to inquire whether, as a member of the Actions Committee, you are planning to attend the meeting of the Committee which is scheduled to be held somewhere in Europe about the seventh of August. It is important that we know sufficiently in advance who our representatives will be at the meeting and whether we may rely upon having a full American attendance. Matters of great importance are to come before this meeting of the Actions Committee and American participation in the discussion of the affairs of the Zionist movement is absolutely essential.

Will you please acknowledge this letter and indicate your intentions in the matter?

Very cordially yours,

*Meyer W. Weisgal*  
Meyer W. Weisgal  
Secretary.

April 30th, 1926.

Mr. Myer Weisgal,  
114 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Weisgal,

If the meeting of the  
Actions Committee is held no later  
than the seventh of August, I shall  
be very happy to attend. I must be  
back in the United States by the first  
of September.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*Bialik Meeting - Cincinnati* \*

Wire.

May 5th, 1926.

Dr. E. Gamaron,  
Merchants Bldg.,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Have looked over my calendar and  
find that I have another engagement for June 1st.  
Regret very much that I cannot be of service to you.

A. H. Silver



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May 6, 1926.

114 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK

To the Members of the  
National Executive Committee:

The Administrative Committee, at its meeting on Wednesday evening, May 5, decided to call a special meeting of the National Executive Committee for Saturday evening, May 15, at eight-thirty. (The meeting will be held at the Hotel Pennsylvania, Seventh Avenue and 33rd Street, New York.)

This meeting is being called in order that the members may discuss a number of very important matters relating to the National Conference on Jewish Education, which is to be held in New York the following day, Sunday, May 16th. The Administrative Committee felt that inasmuch as a large number of members of the Executive Committee are coming to New York to attend the Conference on Jewish Education, it would be valuable to utilize this opportunity to hold a meeting of the National Executive Committee the preceding day.

Although this is short notice for a meeting, it is hoped that the members will find it possible to attend this special meeting of the Executive Committee. Please indicate on the enclosed card whether we may count on your presence.

Very cordially yours,

*Meyer W. Weisgal*  
Meyer W. Weisgal,  
Secretary.

MWW:FK

Dr. Lazaron

Baltimore Hebrew Congregation

MADISON AVE. AND ROBERT ST.  
BALTIMORE, MD

OFFICE OF THE RABBI

May 7th,  
1 9 2 6.

Rabbi A.H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, O.

Dear Abba,

I have received the communication in reference to the Conference on Jewish Education under the auspices of the Z.O.A. I am rather puzzled in my own mind as to just what the thing implies. Can you enlighten me? Are all national Jewish Organizations interested in Education responding? Will it be a truly National Conference or will it be just another effort of the organization? I am interested of course but I shall hardly be able to get away.

Love to Jacks and you,

Faithfully yours,

*M. S. Lazaron*

MSL-s

Morris S. Lazaron

# DELEGATE CARD

*This is to certify that*

~~MR.~~ *Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver* ..... *is a duly*  
*appointed delegate to the Annual Conference of THE JEWISH*  
*NATIONAL FUND OF AMERICA. (Keren Kayemeth le Israel*  
*Inc.,) which will take place on SUNDAY, MAY 9th at 10 A.M.,*  
*at Pennsylvania Hotel, 33rd Street and 7th Avenue, New York City.*

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND OF AMERICA.

*A. E. Aharonovitch*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*Director.*



May 10th, 1926.

Rabbi Morris Lazon,  
Baltimore Hebrew Congregation,  
Madison Ave. and Robert St.,  
Baltimore, Md .

My dear Morris,

I am not at all clear in my own mind as to what this Conference of Jewish Education proposes to do. I am not planning to attend it. I rather fear that it is a headlong attempt to do an important piece of work without adequate and preliminary study.

I am

With love to Polly and the children,

As ever,

ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA



LOUIS LIPSKY,  
CHAIRMAN NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
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TREASURER

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114 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK

May 18, 1926.

Rab. A. H. Silver  
The Temple, E. 55th,  
Cleveland, O.

My dear Fellow-Zionist:

The Rev. Hirsch Masliansky, who has practically all his life been engaged in the service of the Zionist cause, and has given inspiration and instruction to hundreds of thousands of Jews, will pass his seventieth birthday on May 16th.

The Administrative Committee believes that this event should not pass unnoticed by the Zionists of America. To this end not only will a mass reception be tendered to Mr. Masliansky in Town Hall, New York, Tuesday evening, May 25th, but we propose that the Zionists of America, in advance of that date, should undertake an action, in the name of Mr. Masliansky, which will indicate the respect in which they hold him, and the appreciation they feel for the great services rendered by him.

The administrative Committee proposes the establishment, by the Zionists of America, of a Masliansky Grove in Palestine through the Jewish National Fund. We aim to plant a grove of not less than seventy thousand trees in a designated spot in Palestine. Each tree will cost \$1.50.

This form of appreciation will, we have no doubt, give deep pleasure and satisfaction to Mr. Masliansky. It is a form of action in which all Zionists and Jews, rich and poor alike, may participate.

In view of your standing in the Zionist movement, we ask you to contribute to the establishment of the Masliansky Grove as many trees as possible. Although we expect many individuals to contribute few trees, we have a right to expect also that some of the closer friends of Mr. Masliansky, and those who are in a position to do so, will make themselves responsible for quite a number of trees which will be inscribed in their name.

Hoping that you may find it possible to act in this matter and that what you contribute to the Masliansky Grove may be reported in time for the Town Hall meeting on Tuesday evening, May 25th, and with highest appreciation of your co-operation, I am

Very cordially yours

*Louis Lipsky*  
Chairman

LL:RW

Maslionsky-Anniversary-

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TRUST YOU AS VICE CHAIRMAN WILL PRESIDE THIS OCCASION PLEASE WIRE  
ACCEPTANCE

SAMUEL BLITZ.

*- Swiss - Chicago.*

TELEPHONED  
FROM MAIN OFFICE

Time *8:57 P*  
To *Mrs. Silver*

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CollectDay Letter

Cleveland, Ohio, May 22nd, 1926

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

Am scheduled to address National Conference of Social  
Workers in Cleveland May twenty-fifth. Sorry cannot attend  
Maslensky meeting.

A. H. Silver

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ACTIONS COMMITTEE STOP CAN WE HAVE BY WIRE YOUR APPROVAL OF AN

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LOUIS LIPSKY



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11. Juni 1926.

Sehr geehrter Herr Gesinnungsgenosse!

Wir beehren uns, Ihnen in der Anlage die Abschrift eines Telegramms zu überreichen, das wir soeben aus New-York von Herrn Lipsky erhielten. Herr Lipsky teilt uns gleichzeitig mit, dass eine briefliche Einladung an Sie unterwegs ist. Das Telegramm mit der Bitte, Sie von seinem Inhalt in Kenntnis zu setzen, erfolgt nur im Interesse der Beschleunigung. Wir erlauben uns, noch einmal ausdrücklich darauf aufmerksam zu machen, dass Ihre von Herrn Lipsky erbetene Antwort an Herrn Louis Lipsky, c/o Zionist Organisation, 77 Great Russell Street, London W.C.1 ( also nicht nach Newyork ) zu richten ist.

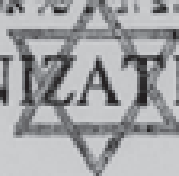
Wir verbleiben mit vorzüglicher Hochachtung  
und Zionagruss!

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# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA



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114 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK

June 16th, 1926.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

In order to get proper publicity

on the mass meeting on the opening night of the Convention,  
it is necessary to have abstracts of the addresses in  
advance.

Will you, therefore, be good enough  
to forward a 500 word abstract of your address no later  
than Monday, June 21st, so that the story of the mass  
meeting can be mailed out in advance to the newspapers?

Sincerely yours,

*Meyer W. Weisgal*  
Meyer W. Weisgal  
SECRETARY.

June 18th, 1926.

Mr. M. M. Weisgal,  
114 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Weisgal,

In reply to your kind letter of June 16th asking me to send you an abstract of my address to be delivered at the mass meeting on the opening night of the convention, permit me to state that in the first place I have not received an invitation from the Zionist organization to address this meeting and in the second place due to three or four weddings which I must perform on the evening of Sunday, June 21st, I shall not be able to get to the convention until Monday morning.

Looking forward with pleasure to seeing you there I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

החלטה ד'

סקיפ ווסן כנוס המוסב הקרוב של חועד המועל

חובע הרצון, שהמושב חבא של חועד המועל, שיש לחניח שיועד באביב  
חרפ'ו, יתכנס בארץ-ישראל, סת שנוגע להוצאות הישיבה סניחים  
שהאקסקוטיבה חבוא, סצד אחד, כדברים עם חברות האניות לשם השגת  
חזולה ניכרת בהוצאות חנסיעה, וסצד שני, שהמשתתפים במושב זה ישאו  
בעול ההוצאות הכרוכות בשהייתם בארץ.

## נשיאות הועד הפועל של ההסתדרות הציונית

PRÉSIDENCE DU COMITÉ D'ACTION DE L'ORGANISATION SIONISTE

83, Avenue de la Grande Armée - PARIS (16<sup>e</sup>)

Télégrammes : Delisrael Motzkin Paris

Téléphone : Passy 65-78

פריס, 18 למרס 1926.

חבר נכבד,

כמי שידוע לך החלטת במושב האחרון של הועד הפועל שנחננו באקטובר 1925 בברלין, ליורא למושב הבא של הועד הפועל בארץ-ישראל, במדה שמאז הענינים והתנאים יאפשר את דבר הכנוס בארץ (עיינן החלטה ד' של החלטות שאינן נתנות לפרסום אשר נתקבלו במושב ברלין, חרצומה בזה).

וזאיל ועל פי התקנון הועד הפועל מחננו אחת

לשיח חדשים יש לבנו את המושב הקרוב בחדש אמריל הבא.

חל מינואר, ש. ז., כאחי בחילוני-סכתבים ע"ד

ענין זה עם האקס-זחיבה, עם חברי הנשיאות של הועד הפועל הנמצאים בארץ-ישראל, ניו-יורק וורשה, חקתי ובחנתי גם את דעת קבוצות ופרקציות חונות אולם נחלקתי בחילוקי-דעות גדולים חפ בנוגע למקום הכנוס וכן למועדו.

ברצותי, מצד אחד, למלא אחרי התקנון ואחרי

ההחלטה הנזכרת, ומצד שני, לכון את מועד הכנוס לזמן שבו יוכלו להשתתף בו מנהיגי ההסתדרות, הלכתי למרסייל בכרי להפגש עם הדרי-זיאמן ולדבר איתו, ארם הסלינו לארץ, על מדור המושב הקרוב של הועד הפועל ומועדו.

בהשכמה הידית קבלנו החלטה לקבע את יום כנוס

המושב הירוב ליום 15 באפריל ובירושלים. החלטה זו נתונה להשחנות וסותניה סהידיעות החלגדמיות שאקבל ממר זיאמן מאלכסודריה, אחרי שיפגש בעיר זו עם המפקד קיש וידון איתו על הדבר.

חקתי בכל זאת חזקה שחמושב הקרוב יחסיים

בירושלים ומבקש יני סכך להודיעני חכיפות התשחתני בו וסחי חוכל לצאת לדרך.

את התשובה נא להודיע לי במברק על פי חמען הרשום

בכבוד רב ונרכת ציון

בראש חגליון.

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**CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
ZIONIST ORGANIZATION  
OF AMERICA**

*Adopted by the Twenty-First  
Annual Zionist Convention in Pittsburgh,  
Pa., June, 1918*



*As Amended by succeeding  
Annual Conventions up to  
and including the 29th An-  
nual Convention at Buffalo,  
N. Y., June, 1926.*



**1927**

# CONSTITUTION

of the

## ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

### ARTICLE II.

#### *Name*

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be: **Zionist Organization of America.**

### ARTICLE III.

#### *International Affiliation*

Section 1. The **Zionist Organization of America** shall be the sole branch of the **World Zionist Organization**, exercising jurisdiction in the United States under the statutes adopted by the **Zionist Congress**. It may assume such additional powers as are vested in it by the **Actions Committee** and the **Zionist Congress**.

### ARTICLE IV.

#### *Object*

Section 1. The object of this organization shall be:

(a) To further the aim of the Basic Program, through the means therein set forth, to wit:

"The object of **Zionism** is to establish a publicly recognized and legally secured home for the Jewish people in **Palestine**.

"The following means shall be adopted for the attainment of this end:

"(1) The promotion, along suitable lines, of the colonization of **Palestine** by Jewish agricultural and industrial workers.

"(2) The organization and the binding together of the whole of Jewry by means of appropriate institutions, local and international, in accordance with the laws of each country.

"(3) The strengthening and fostering of Jewish national sentiment and consciousness.

"(4) Preparatory steps toward obtaining government consent where necessary to the attainment of the aim of Zionism."

(b) To do any and all things that may be necessary or incidental to the attainment of this object.

## ARTICLE IV.

### Membership

Section 1. Every Jew and Jewess above the age of eighteen years, residing in the United States, who subscribes to the Bais platform, and agrees to obey the Constitution of the Zionist Organization of America, may become a member thereof.

Section 2. Every member of the Zionist Organization of America shall be the holder of a national membership card.

## ARTICLE V.

### Societies

Section 1. Members of the Zionist Organization of America may associate themselves in social, religious, educational, economic, insurance Palestine welfare, neighborhood or other units, and such associations, when duly chartered by the Zionist Organization of America, shall be deemed Registered Societies in the Districts in which they are located, provided, however, that every member of such unit or association shall be the holder of a national membership card.

Section 2. The organization of Zionist societies shall be encouraged by the National Executive Committee and officers of this organization.

## ARTICLE VI.

### District Organizations

Section 1. Individual members of the Zionist Organization of America shall be grouped into districts. The district shall be the unit of administration of the Organization, but the Administrative Committee may allow Registered Societies to function as districts, and it may recognize them as such.

Section 2. A member must register either in the district in which he lives, or in a case where he is a member of a registered society, he may register in the district in which the society is registered.

Section 3. All municipalities having a registered membership of not less than fifty and not more than two thousand, shall constitute a district.

Section 4. When such districts shall have a registered membership in excess of two thousand, then, by vote of the membership thereof, and with the approval of the Administrative Committee, such districts must be subdivided into two or more districts.

Section 5. In municipalities in which the Jewish population is too small for the organization of a district of fifty or more registered members, such registered members shall be designated as Members-at-Large, and they may organize themselves into a society, or upon any other basis approved by the Administrative Committee. Members-at-Large, when so organized, shall be entitled to elect a delegate to the Annual Convention or to any special convention, subject to the provisions herein.

Section 6. A registered society shall be entitled as such to representation on the Executive body of the district in which it is registered, in proportion to the number of its members.

Section 7. With the authority of the Admin-

istrative Committee, two or more contiguous districts may be established as a Regional District, with its own administrative authority, and the Administrative Committee shall be authorized to make such financial arrangements as it may deem necessary for the promotion of effective regional activities.

## ARTICLE VII.

### Dues and Assessments

Section 1. Membership dues shall be six dollars per annum, payable to the District Organization; or to the Zionist Organization of America.

Section 2. The annual membership dues shall be divided as follows: Two dollars shall be allocated to the District Organization for district administration and propaganda; fifty (50) cents for the Zionist Shekel as fixed by the Zionist Congress, and the balance shall be retained by the Zionist Organization of America for administration and propaganda.

Section 3. Taxes and assessments for Palestine work may be levied by any annual or special convention.

Section 4. All Zionist funds shall become the property of the Zionist Organization of America immediately upon collection by any person or society or other agency acting on behalf of such Organization, and such funds shall either be remitted immediately to the national organization, or be placed at its disposal in accordance with the instructions of its representatives.

Section 5. Any district organization or other constituent body failing to remit funds in accordance with the provisions hereinabove set forth, or to file its monthly report, or to obey the instructions of the convention, the national administration or its representatives, or to comply with the provisions of this constitution, may be dissolved or reorganized by the national administration or its representatives.



## ARTICLE VIII.

### National Administration

Section 1. The administration of the Zionist Organization of America shall be vested in an Administrative Committee, subject to the control of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The office of the administration of the Zionist Organization of America shall be in the City of New York.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall be elected by the Annual Convention by a secret ballot, for one year, or until their successors are elected.

Section 4. The officers of the Organization shall consist of a President, Vice-Presidents (as decided by each Convention), an Honorary Secretary, a Secretary, a Treasurer and an Associate Treasurer.

Section 5. The annual Convention shall have the right to elect Honorary Vice-Presidents or any other honorary officers it may deem necessary for the interests of the Organization.

Section 6. The Administrative Committee shall consist of the officers and twelve members elected by secret ballot at the Annual Convention.

Section 7. The Administrative Committee shall administer the affairs of the Organization, subject to the vote of the Executive Committee, to whom it shall report.

Section 8. The duties of the Executive Committee shall be to decide all questions of policy and administration, subject to this Constitution and resolutions adopted by the Annual Convention, or any special Convention.

Section 9. The Executive Committee shall have the power to fill all vacancies on the committee that may occur through resignation or death, and shall have the right to fill vacancies as they occur in the membership of the Administrative Committee.

Section 10. The Administrative Committee shall have full supervision over the district organizations, and shall have power to prescribe for them plans for organization and activities.

Section 11. The Administrative Committee shall have the power at all times to order the inspection or auditing of all books and accounts of district organizations or constituent bodies.

Section 12. The Administrative Committee shall appoint a Committee on Finance from among its members, who shall supervise all finances, shall receive financial reports, and shall be responsible for the books and accounts of the organization.

Section 13. The duties of the officers shall be in addition to those herein set forth such as usually inhere in their respective offices, together with such as are prescribed by the Executive Committee and the Conventions.

Section 14. The Administrative Committee shall have the power to fix the emoluments of all paid officials.

Section 15. The Administrative Committee shall have the power to establish Bureaus in America for Zionist propaganda and organization.

## ARTICLE IX

### Meetings

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall meet at stated periods at least four times annually.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the President upon the written request of five members.

Section 3. A member of the Executive Committee who shall remain away from three successive meetings of the Executive Committee, without adequate excuse, shall cease to be a member thereof.

## ARTICLE X.

### The Convention

Section 1. The Convention shall be the supreme legislative body of the Zionist Organization of America and shall meet annually, the time and place to be decided by the Executive Committee. It shall consist of delegates elected by members voting in districts, or in registered societies as prescribed by the Administrative Committee, subject to such exceptions as are herein specifically set forth.

Section 2. Notice of the date and place of the Convention must be given to the District Organization at least one month in advance.

Section 3. The annual report shall be distributed to the delegates within one month of the holding of the Convention.

Section 4. The delegates shall remain in their office until their successors are elected.

Section 5. Delegates to the Convention shall be elected by members of the organization, in accordance with rules to be established by the Executive Committee, provided, however, that every district shall be entitled to at least one delegate, and that the rules adopted shall be uniformly applied to all constituent bodies.

Section 6. No member shall be permitted to vote for delegates to any convention unless he has been registered with the national organization at least thirty days before the holding of the election.

Section 7. The Executive Committee shall have the power to grant to Jewish national organizations, endorsing the objects of the World Zionist Organization, and agreeing to pay a specified per capita tax, special representation in the conventions of the Zionist Organization of America.

Section 8. One-third of the accredited dele-

gates of any convention shall constitute a quorum.

Section 9. The Annual Convention shall elect its own officers and by majority vote shall decide upon the method to be employed in the selection of the Convention Committees.

Section 10. A Special Convention may be called by a two-thirds' vote of the members of the Executive Committee present at any meeting

## ARTICLE XI.

### Elections

Section 1. The election shall be conducted by the districts in the manner provided for by the Administrative Committee.

Section 2. Wherever three or more delegates are to be elected in one district, the voters shall have the right to vote for no more than two-thirds of the entire number of delegates to be elected, the major fraction being regarded as equivalent to one.

## ARTICLE XII.

### Congress

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall make all arrangements for the election of delegates to the World Zionist Congress by shekel payers, in accordance with the election laws of such Congress.

## ARTICLE XIII.

### Relations with other Zionist Organizations

Section 1. The Executive Committee may enter into official relations for the purpose of cooperation with other branches of the Zionist movement recognized by the Statutes of the Zionist Congress.

## ARTICLE XIV.

### **By-Laws**

Section 1. The Executive Committee is hereby empowered to adopt by-laws to this Constitution.

## ARTICLE XV.

### **Incorporation**

Section 1. The Zionist Organization of America shall be incorporated under the laws of the State of New York.

## ARTICLE XVI.

### **Amendments**

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds' vote of the delegates present and voting at any Annual Convention or Special Convention called for that purpose.

## ARTICLE XVII.

### **Repeal of Previous Constitutions**

Section 1. The hitherto existing constitutions of all constituent organizations and all by-laws thereto, and all resolutions not in conformity with the provisions of this Constitution, are hereby repealed.



Zionism aims to create a publicly secured,  
legally-assured home for the Jewish People  
in Palestine. —Basic Program.

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# CONSTITUTION

for the Government of  
Zionist Districts



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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

114 Fifth Avenue, New York

1925

# CONSTITUTION

## for the Government of Zionist Districts

### ARTICLE I.

#### **Name.**

Sec. 1. This group of members of the Zionist Organization of America shall function as the Zionist District of .....

### ARTICLE II.

#### **Object.**

Sec. 1. The object of this District shall be to work for the realization of the aim of Zionism as set forth in the Basle Platform and interpreted by the Zionist World Congress and by the Convention of the Zionist Organization of America.

### ARTICLE III.

#### **Membership.**

Sec. 1. The members of the Zionist Organization of America resident in .....\* shall constitute the membership of this District.

Sec. 2. The members of the Zionist Organization of America, affiliated through the Hadasah, the Women's Zionist Organization, are to be regarded as an Auxiliary Group of the District on the District Committee for cooperation and are to be provided with representation in all general Zionist work.

(\*Include here the names of all cities and towns that have separate postoffice addresses included within the District.

Sec. 3. Membership in the Zionist Organization of America is open to all Jews and Jewesses above the age of eighteen who subscribe to the Basle Platform and agree to obey the constitution of the Zionist Organization of America.

*Sec. 4.* Any member in arrears in the payment of his dues for thirty days forfeits his right to vote in the District, but may be reinstated upon the payment of his arrears.

*Sec. 5.* A member whose conduct tends to defeat the object of the Zionist Organization of America may be expelled by a two-thirds vote of the District Committee provided due notice and hearing, or opportunity to be heard, has been given to such member; and provided, further, the Executive Committee of the Zionist Organization of America approves.

#### ARTICLE IV.

##### Dues.

*Sec. 1.* The dues of members of the Zionist Organization of America shall be six dollars per annum. No applicant shall be admitted as a member unless he has paid at least three dollars in advance.

*Sec. 2.* All membership dues shall be remitted to the Zionist Organization of America as directed by the Auditing Department of the Zionist Organization.

*Sec. 3.* Districts shall receive a refund of \$2. from the annual dues paid by their members.

*Sec. 4.* Districts shall receive no refund from semi-annual dues paid by their members.

#### ARTICLE V.

##### District Committee

*Sec. 1.* The executive power of the District shall be vested in a District Committee.

*Sec. 2.* The District Committee shall consist of the following officers: A chairman, a vice-chairman, a secretary, a financial secretary and a treasurer; five members to be elected by the members of the District; one representative for every fifty members, or major fraction thereof, of each registered Zionist society in the District.

Sec. 3. Members of the National Executive Committee, resident and registered in the District, shall be ex-officio members of the District Committee.

Sec. 4. The District Committee shall meet once a week.

Sec. 5. The District Committee shall act as the trustee of the Zionist Organization of America, to which it shall be responsible for all Zionist funds collected in the District. All Zionist funds collected by the District Committee become the property of the Zionist Organization of America upon being received by the District officers and are to be remitted to the Zionist Organization of America.

Sec. 6. The officers and members of the District Committee shall be elected during the month of Tishri and shall hold office for one year.

Sec. 7. The registered Zionist societies within the District shall file with the officers of the District the names of their elected representatives on the District Committee not later than ten days after the election of the District officers.

Sec. 8. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the District Committee. He shall sign all orders upon the Treasurer. He shall be the official spokesman for the District on all Zionist matters, but may not, without the consent in advance of the District Committee, make any statements on or commit the District to any Zionist policy.

Sec. 9. The Vice-Chairman shall act in the absence of the Chairman.

Sec. 10. The Treasurer shall be the receiver of all dues and taxes and other Zionist funds, and shall deposit them to the account of the Zionist Organization of America. He shall receive all funds allotted to the District by the

Zionist Organization, and shall deposit them to the account of and in the name of the District, and shall pay all bills incurred from that account upon vouchers signed by the Chairman and Secretary. At every annual meeting, or when officially requested by the District Committee, he shall present a report on the financial status of the District.

\*Sec. 11. The Financial Secretary shall be the collector of all dues and taxes and Zionist funds, keep all the financial records, transferring them to the Treasurer upon receipt of the same, and receiving from the Treasurer due acknowledgments for money turned over to him. He shall receipt for the payment of membership dues upon the membership cards and on books provided for that purpose.

(\*If no Financial Secretary is desired, the duties of the Financial Secretary shall be performed by the Secretary.)

Sec. 12. The Secretary shall attend the meetings of the District Committee. He shall keep proper records of the proceedings and transmit copies of the record to the Department of Organization. He shall carry on the official correspondence of the District. He shall prepare vouchers for the signature of the Chairman for payments to be made by the Treasurer when ordered to do so by the District Committee. He shall keep a card register of all Shekel-payers, members and contributors to Zionist funds in the District.

Sec. 13. The District Committee shall have the power to appropriate from the District funds money for Zionist educational work, Hebrew educational work, Young Judaea work, and may maintain District headquarters, subvention club-rooms conducted by registered societies doing special Zionist work; and it may organize groups of registered members to engage in approved Zionist activities. It may also make allowances



out of its own funds to such branches as it may establish for local propaganda expenses.

## ARTICLE VI.

### Branches

Sec. 1. The District Committee shall have the power to divide the District into as many Branches as may, in its judgment, be required for the organization of Zionist activity and organize these Branches into units of propaganda, provided the establishment of such Branches meets with the approval of the Administrative Committee of the Zionist Organization of America.

Sec. 2. A Branch of the District shall include all the members of the District resident within the territory assigned to the Branch by the District Committee. The District Committee may assign as members of a Branch Committee members of the District who do not reside within the territory assigned to the Branch.

Sec. 3. Branches shall forward to the Treasurer of the District, in full, all dues, taxes and other Zionist funds collected. The District Committee may, in its own discretion, grant to Branches such allowances as may be required to carry on Zionist propaganda within the territory assigned to the Branch.

Sec. 4. Branches may be dissolved by the District Committee whenever, in its judgment, the dissolution of such Branches may be for the best interests of the Movement.

## ARTICLE VII.

### Registered Zionist Societies

Sec. 1. Members of the Zionist Organization who are associated or who may associate themselves in social, religious, educational, economic, neighborhood or other units may be registered as Zionist societies by the National Executive Committee and have the same status as Zionist Districts.

Sec. 2. The certificate of recognition of any registered society may be annulled by the National Executive Committee.

Sec. 3. A registered society shall be entitled to elect representatives on the District Committee in proportion to its membership, as stated in Article V., Section 2.

Sec. 4. The District Committee may, within its discretion, grant allowances to registered societies to defray the expense of Zionist work undertaken by them at the request of the District Committee.

## ARTICLE VIII.

### Transfers

Sec. 1. A member removing from one District to another may have his membership transferred, upon payment of all arrears in membership dues, by having his card endorsed by the Secretary of the District, who shall forward it to the Department of Organization of the Zionist Organization of America.

Sec. 2. The Secretary of the District shall place on the membership register the name and address of any member transferred to his District by the Department of Organization, upon the receipt of the member's new card from said Department.

Sec. 3. The District shall not be entitled to any special allowance for the dues of the transferred member, which may have been paid in the District in which he was formerly registered.

## ARTICLE IX.

### Meetings

Sec. 1. A general meeting of the District shall be held during the month of Tishri, when the officers shall present their annual report, and where the members may take up for consideration any Zionist question of interest to the District. The election of the District officers

and of the members of the District Committee shall take place on the day when this general meeting is held.

Sec. 2. A general meeting shall be held in the month of Iyar for the instruction of delegates to the annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America. The election of delegates shall take place on the day when this general meeting is held.

Sec. 3. Only members who have been enrolled and registered with the Zionist Organization of America for at least thirty days before the general meeting in Tishri shall be entitled to vote in the elections to be held on that day.

Sec. 4. Special meetings of the membership of the District may be called by the District Committee, or upon the request of not less than twenty members of the District, for the consideration of questions bearing upon Zionist propaganda and organization.

## ARTICLE X.

### Election of District Committee and Officers.

Sec. 1. One month prior to the holding of the annual meeting in Tishri, the District Committee shall choose a Nominating Committee, to consist of not less than five members. The Nominating Committee shall nominate not more than two candidates for every office to be filled at the Tishri election. A member of the Nominating Committee shall have the right to vote for only two-thirds of the number of persons to be nominated as members of the District Committee.

Sec. 2. Any twenty-five members of the District may nominate, by petition, a candidate for any office to be filled at the Tishri election, whose name shall be placed on the ballot by the Nominating Committee, provided such names are submitted in due form to the District Committee not less than seven days before the holding of the Tishri election.

(\*The number may be reduced, but not increased.)

Sec. 3. The Nominating Committee shall arrange the nominations made either by petition or by its own vote upon a ballot, in alphabetical order, placing in a column next to the name of the candidate his address and stating whether his nomination was made by the Nominating Committee or by petition. Ballots shall have a stub attached to them, which shall be numbered.

Sec. 4. The District Committee shall choose a Board of Elections, which shall have charge of the details of the election, the printing of the ballots, arrangements for voting places, and which shall be responsible for the accurate counting of the ballots, and shall report to the Department of Organization, Zionist Organization of America.

Sec. 5. Members of the District shall vote in person on ballots to be provided by the Board of Elections and approved by the District Committee.

Sec. 6. The Board of Elections shall allow for at least three hours' time during which the members of the District may vote in the Tishri election.

## ARTICLE XI.

### Election of Delegates.

Sec. 1. One month prior to the general meeting in Iyar, the District Committee shall elect a Nominating Committee for the purpose of nominating candidates to be elected as delegates to represent the membership of the District at the annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America. The Nominating Committee shall consist of not less than five members.

Sec. 2. The Nominating Committee shall name not more than twice as many candidates as there are delegates to be elected. Any twenty-five

members of the District shall have the right to nominate one candidate for election as a delegate.

Sec. 3. The District Committee shall choose a Board of Elections, which shall provide the voting precincts and make all the arrangements necessary for the orderly carrying on of the election, and shall be responsible for the accurate counting of the votes and for reporting the results of the election to the Department of Organization.

Sec. 4. Members of the District shall vote in person on ballots to be provided by the Board of Elections and approved by the District Committee.

Sec. 5. The Board of Elections shall allow for at least three hours during which the members of the District may vote in the Iyar election.

Sec. 6. No member shall have the right to vote for more than two-thirds of the entire number of delegates to be elected, a major fraction being equivalent to one.

Sec. 7. Delegates to the Annual Convention elected by the District shall hold office for one year after the date of election, unless the District, at a special meeting of its members called for that purpose, by a majority vote, recalls the delegate and elects a representative to take his place.

Sec. 8. All elections shall be by secret ballot.

## ARTICLE XII.

### Quorum.

Sec. 1. Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the membership of the District.

Sec. 2. Five members shall constitute a quorum for the meetings of the District Committee.



## ARTICLE XIII

### By-Laws and Amendments.

Sec. 1. These By-Laws may be amended from time to time at a general or special meeting of the members of the District by a majority vote, providing the Administrative Committee of the Zionist Organization of America approves of such amendments.

## ARTICLE XIV

### Parliamentary Authority.

Sec. 1. Roberts Manual shall be the parliamentary authority to guide the District in the orderly transaction of its business.

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(ZIONIST DISTRICT DELEGATE)

Name

Rabbi A. H. Silver

Address

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Cleveland, O.

(Zionist District Delegate)

# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Twenty-ninth Annual Convention

## DELEGATE'S CREDENTIAL

THIS CERTIFIES THAT

Name Rabbi A. H. Silver

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City Cleveland, O.

has been duly accredited a delegate to the Twenty-ninth Annual Convention of the Zionist Organization of America, to be held in Buffalo, N. Y., June 27, 28, 29, 1926.

Louis Lipsky

Chairman

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פריז, כ"ג אייר תרפ"ו

(7/5/26)

חבר נכבד 'הריני מתכבד לחודיעו בזה, כי ביום י"ט אייר תרפ"ו  
(3/5/26) נתכנסה האקסקוזטיבה של ההסתדרות הציונית לישיבה בפריז,  
בהשתתפותו של נשיא הועד הפועל התחום מסת. בישיבה נוכחו חברי  
האקסקוזטיבה הנמצאים באירופה: חפרום, חיים ויאסן, סר י. נידיק,  
וסר דר' פ. פייבל. סמירתי לנאמרים את דעתה והשקפתה של נשיאות הועד  
הפועל ביחס לכנוס המושב הבא, כפי שחן השתקפו בסו'ם של ישיבתה  
האחרונה של הנשיאות בברלין, בימים י"ח וי"ט לאפריל, כלומר לכנס  
את הועד הפועל בחוג יולי בירושלים, בהתאם להחלטה שנתקבלה בלונדון  
ב 24 לסארם ט. ז.

הדר' ויאסן שהמכים לקריאת המושב בירושלים בירח אפריל  
הביע את דעתו שכעת, אחרי שובו מהארץ ואחרי שמעו את דעת החנהלה  
הציונית בארץ-ישראל, וגם בשים לב למחצות סצד החברים האמריקאים  
וחברים מארץ-ישראל, טוב אין הוא חושב שיטנה אפשרות לחקחיל את  
הועד הפועל בקיץ זה בארץ-ישראל. יתר חברי האקסקוזטיבה דברו גם  
הם כרוח זה.

בחור תוצאה לנאמר וזוהים נתקבלה החלטה לכנס את המושב  
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ידיעות נוספות ומדויקות ע"א מקום המושב ומועדו אמאי  
לו בזמן הנכון.

בכבוד רב

ונרכת איון

13/5/26

# MEMORANDUM

July 6, 1926.

FROM: THE NATIONAL BOARD OF HADASSAH, THE WOMEN'S ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA  
TO: THE MEMBERS OF THE ACTIONS COMMITTEE

The political and economic necessity for continuing the health work in Palestine under the Hadassah Medical Organization makes it imperative for the Actions Committee to consider an increased budget for <sup>the</sup> Hadassah Medical Organization for 1926-1927 in order that the Zionist Health Department may adequately function.

Such increase must be granted because of (See SCHEDULE "A") :

- (1) Increase in immigration which requires
  - (a) Additional beds
  - (b) A District Nursing System
- (2) The necessity of establishing medical centres in new colonies, among them: Afukah, Herzliyah, Pekiain, Silhuan
- (3) General rent increase in Palestine
- (4) General imperative needs arising in 1925-1926, satisfied by emergency fund, which must be included in 1926-1927 budget ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~. Among these is included the estimated receipts from the Kuppas Holim which cannot be met by it.
- (5) Normal expansion such as:
  - (a) Repairs
  - (b) Replacements
  - (c) Salary Increases
  - (d) Normal increases in staff
- (6) Specialists

The whole budget of the Hadassah Medical Organization for 1926-1927 as drawn up in Palestine is £ 149,000 or \$745,000.

The estimated receipts for the 1926-1927 budget from sources other than Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization, are the following (See SCHEDULE "B"):

£ 25,500 (or \$127,500) from the country

£ 2,000 (or 10,000) from Baron de Rothschild

£ 14,400 (or 72,000) from the Keren Hayesod in America

£ 8,600 (or 43,000) from the Keren Hayesod in London

TOTAL £ 50,500 or \$252,500

The balance of the budget which must be met by Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization and is to be included in the United Palestine Appeal, is £ 98,500 or \$492,500.

The National Board of Hadassah which represents 30,000 women shekel payers, feels that within the frame of the United Palestine Appeal it can raise the amount required to cover £ 98,500 (\$492,500) required for the Hadassah Medical Organization, in addition to an amount for general Palestinian purposes. Against the 1925-1926 budget of \$330,000 (\$300,000 in the H. M. O. Budget and \$30,000 to cover emergency needs), Hadassah the Women's Zionist Organization, raised \$539,532.02.

The Twenty-Ninth Annual Convention of the Zionist Organization of America and the Twelfth Annual Convention of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America unanimously passed resolutions endorsing the adoption by Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of this increase.



## SCHEDULE A

### INCREASES OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

During the current year, 1935-1936, (1) certain grants were made in part satisfied out of the 2 1/2% Reserve Fund which are a permanent charge upon the budget; (2) the estimated receipt of L.E. 3,000 from the Kupat Cholim recorded in last year's budget as payment for sickness days in the Hadassah Hospitals proved illusory and will have to be made a charge upon the new budget; and, (3) certain general needs have appeared which must be satisfied. The following list deals with these three classes of items:

1. Increases granted last year to physicians' salaries.....	L.E.	2,500,000.
2. Addition to Director's salary .....		1,040,000.
3. Addition to Assistant Director's salary .....		120,000.
4. Estimated receipt from Kupat Cholim.....		3,000,000
5. Instrumentarium required.....		22,000,000
6. Additions to salaries of personnel.....		1,200,000
7. Additions to vacation and sick leave.....		600,000
8. Additional internes (salaries).....		720,000
9. Addition 1 P.T. for 19,000 sickness days better quality food....		2,280,000
	L.E.	13,460,000

### INCREASES IN THE DISCLOSURE

#### Jerusalem

1. Salary of pathologist.....	L.E.	660,000
2. Salary of assistant to pathologist.....		168,000
3. Anti-Trachoma Campaign in Old City.....		700,000
4. Addition to salary of pediatrician (Grünfeldner).....		300,000
5. Addition to salary of roentgenologist.....		300,000
6. Internist..(Hess).....		840,000
7. Clerical assistant.....		96,000
8. Salary of housekeeper.....		180,000
9. Dietitian.....		360,000
10. Two midwives in Obstetric Ward.....		240,000
11. Increase of number of pupil nurses by ten.....		840,000
12. Accumulators for hospital.....		380,000
13. Repairs to hospital and water supply in new dispensary.....		680,000
14. Rent of new dispensary.....		250,000
15. Additional rent for Nurses' Homes.....		350,000
16. Miscellaneous (drugs, laboratory supplies, Library).....		626,000
	L.E.	6,230,000

#### Tel-Aviv

1. Maintenance of 50 additional beds at P.T.40.....		7,200,000
2. Installation of 20 beds at L.E. 10.....		200,000
3. Increase of outside obstetric service.....		600,000
4. District nurses.....		840,000
5. Home visits to patients.....		420,000
6. Salary of assistant to surgeon and obstetrician.....		420,000
7. Addition to salary of Chief Bacteriologist.....		180,000
8. Graduate nurse in Obstetric Ward.....		180,000
9. Increase of salary of storekeeper.....		102,000
10. Additional cooks and cleaners.....		228,000
11. Porter, Gatekeeper, and Utility Man.....		300,000



12. Seamstress (half time).....		48,000
13. Additional appropriation for roentgen service.....		168,000
	L.E.	10,586,000

#### Haifa

1. Maintenance of 25 new beds at P. T. 40.....	L.E.	3,600,000
2. Installation of 25 beds at L. E. 10.....		250,000
3. Appropriation for roentgen service.....		120,000
4. Installation of electric light.....		120,000
5. Additions for sewing, cleaning etc.....		300,000
	L. E.	4,390,000

#### Safad

1. Balconies.....	L.E.	180,000
2. Additions to service.....		120,000
	L. E.	300,000

#### School Inspection Service

1. Dental Clinic in Jerusalem.....	L. E.	72,000
2. Half day physician in Tel Aviv.....		192,000
3. Additional graduate nurse in Tel-Aviv.....		180,000
4. Half-time graduate nurse in Haifa.....		90,000
5. Half-time graduate nurse in Petah-Tikva.....		90,000
6. Part-time physician in Petah Tikva.....		60,000
7. Drugs.....		60,000
8. Sick leave.....		120,000
	L. E.	864,000

#### Head Office

1. English secretary and stenographer.....	L. E.	300,000
2. Medical Assistant Director.....		300,000
3. Addition to salary of statistician.....		300,000
4. Auditing.....		120,000
5. Rent for statistician's room.....		180,000
6. Additional rent for storerooms.....		120,000
7. Additional travelling, transportation, telephone.....		180,000
	L. E.	1,500,000

#### New Settlements

1. Pekin.....	L.E.	72,000
2. Acche.....		90,000
3. Afuleh.....		480,000
4. Herzlia.....		240,000
5. Manor.....		180,000
6. Siloam.....		180,000
7. Menushsh...we-Nahalal.....		60,000
8. Various new settlements.....		300,000
	L. E.	1,602,000

#### SUMMARY OF INCREASES AS COMPARED WITH 1925--1926

1. General Expenses.....	L.E.	13,460,000
2. Jerusalem.....		6,230,000
3. Tel-Aviv.....		10,586,000
4. Haifa.....		4,390,000
5. Safad.....		300,000
6. Medical School Inspection.....		864,000
7. Head Office.....		1,500,000

8. New Settlements.....		<u>1,602.000</u>
	L.E.	38.932.000

ESTIMATED INCREASES IN RECEIPTS

Patients' Fees

1. Jerusalem.....	L. E.	600.000	
2. Tel-Aviv.....		300.000	
3. Haifa.....		130.000	
4. Tiberias.....		<u>120.000</u>	
	L.E.		1,200.000

City Payments

1. Tel Aviv.....	1,800.000	
2. Haifa.....	<u>600.000</u>	
		2,400.000

Contract Payments (Rural Settlements)

1. Afulah.....	360.000	
2. Herzlia.....	180.000	
3. Various settlements.....	<u>240.000</u>	
		780.000

Miscellaneous

120.000

Reductions of Various Kinds  
From Budget 1925-1926

432.000  
L.E. 4,932.000

SUMMARY OF INCREASES IN EXPENDITURES AND RECEIPTS

Increases in Expenditures.....	L.E.	39,932.000
Increases in Receipts and Economies.....		<u>4,932.000</u>
Net Increases.....	L. E.	35,000.000

The statement is made that in view of the fluctuations in the immigration, a 2 1/2% reserve is inadequate. The urgent request is made for a 5% reserve.

Last year's reserve, 2 1/2% of budget.....	L..E.	2,578.000
Reserve of 5% on increases (L.E. 35,000).....		<u>1,750.000</u>
5% Reserve.....	L. E.	4,328.000
Net Increases		<u>35,000.000</u>
Total Increases	L. E.	39,328.000

as compared with budget for 1925-1926

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NEW YORK July 9, 1926.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver,

We wish to direct your attention to the enclosed memorandum regarding the budget of the Hadassah Medical Organization for 1926-1927 which is to be considered by the Actions Committee. Miss Szold is planning to attend the meeting of the Actions Committee in order to bring to its attention the urgent needs of the Hadassah Medical Organization.

We are sending the memorandum for your information, and trust that you will give it your most careful consideration as a member of the Actions Committee, representing the Zionist Organization of America.

Sincerely yours,

*Zip Szold*  
Secretary.

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Infant Welfare Stations—Penny School Luncheons  
Medical Circuits in Rural Districts  
School and Pre-school Nursing

Distribution of Garments and Linens  
Financial Adoption of Orphans by the Junior Hadassah  
District Maternity Nursing  
Pre-natal care

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL, \$5,000,000.

HAVE YOU DONE YOUR SHARE?

Samuel Blitz.

[undated]

Zimmerman Cong. of Am

114-5<sup>th</sup> Ave.

N. Y. C.

Am scheduled to address  
Nat. Conf. of Social Workers  
in Cleveland May 25-  
Sorry cannot attend  
Masliansky meeting.

(Telegram) A.H.S.

Mr. Nathan Loeser, Chairman,  
Cleveland Reception Committee,  
National Conference of Jewish Education,  
680 Old Arcade, Cleveland

Please reserve for me \_\_\_\_\_ places at the  
Community Luncheon in honor of delegates to the  
National Conference of Jewish Education to be held  
Thursday noon, May 27, at the Georgian room, Hotel Cleveland.

Check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed herewith.  
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ANLAGE.  
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Wortlaut des Telegramms aus Amerika, das wir mit der Bitte erhielten, Sie von seinem Inhalt unverzüglich in Kenntnis zu setzen:

Believing that it is for the best interests of the Zionist Organization that exclusively for the purposes of the next Actions Committee Meeting there should be formed an effective group of all general Zionists, members of the Actions Committee, on the basis of the following agenda:

1. The Election of the Executive,
2. The Palestine Budget for 1926-27.

We, the American members of the Actions Committee propose the holding of a conference in London, beginning on Monday, July 19th, at the office of the Zionist Executive Committee, at 10 a.m.

If you favour the object stated, you are cordially invited, as a member of the Actions Committee, to attend the said conference and to notify Louis Lipsky, Zioniburo, London, of your intentions at the earliest possible date.

signed: Lipsky, Fishman,

Goldberg, Neumann,

Rothenberg, Silver, Wise,

Rosenblatt.

2. Blatt der Anlage.

Deutsche Uebersetzung.  
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In der Ueberzeugung, dass es im besten Interesse der Zionistischen Organisation liegt, dass - ausschliesslich für die Zwecke der nächsten Sitzung des A.C. - eine wirksame Gruppe aller allgemeinen Zionisten, die Mitglieder des A.C. sind, auf der Basis der folgenden Agenda:

1.) Wahl der Executive

2.) Palästina Budget für 1926/1927

gebildet wird, schlagen wir, die amerikanischen Mitglieder des A.C., die Abhaltung einer Konferenz in London vor, die am Montag, den 19. Juli im Sitzungssaal der Zionistischen Executive um 10 Uhr vormittags beginnen soll.

Wenn Sie für diesen Vorschlag sind, so sind Sie herzlichst eingeladen, als Mitglied des A.C. an der geplanten Konferenz teilzunehmen und werden gebeten, Herrn Louis Lipsky o/o Zionist Organisation, 77 Great Russell Street, London W.C.1, (Telegrammadresse: Lipsky, Zionbüro London) von Ihren Absichten so schnell wie möglich Kenntnis zu geben.

Unterschriften.



SCHEDULE

HADASSAH MEDICAL ORGANIZATION

1925-1926

H. M. O. Budget - - - - - £112,820 or \$564,100

Receipts from the country- - - - - £ 21,820 or \$109,100

Baron Rothschild - - - - - £ 2,000 or \$ 10,000

Keren Hayesod in America - - - - £ 14,400 or \$ 72,000

Keren Hayesod in London - - - - £ 8,600 or \$ 43,000

TOTAL.....£ 46,820 or \$234,100

Receipts from Hadassah.....£ 66,000 or \$330,000

[Undated]

HBH

ORGANIZATION BUDGET

1926-1927

H. M. O. Budget - - - - - £ 149,000 or \$745,000

Estimated

Receipts from the country - - - £ 25,500 or \$127,500

Baron Rothschild - - - - £ 2,000 or \$ 10,000

Keren Hayesod in America - £ 14,400 or \$ 72,000

Keren Hayesod in London - £ 8,600 or \$ 43,000

TOTAL..... £ 50,500 or \$252,500

Estimated

Receipts from Hadassah..... £ 98,500 or \$492,500



Caudated

BUDGET, 1926-7

AVUKAH, AMERICAN STUDENT ZIONIST FEDERATION  
(Affiliated with the Zionist Organization  
of America)

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS: 205 Union Trust  
Bldg., Washington, D. C.

Salary, Executive Secretary		\$3600
Field Organizer (part time)		2000
Stenographer		1500
Printing and Stationery		1000
Travelling Expenses		750
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Clerical supplies, postage, telegrams and telephone		500
Subventions to new chapters		400
Additional stenographic and clerical expenses		250
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TOTAL		\$10000
Net income from \$1500 dues @ \$1.00 per member (\$2.00 retained by local chapter for expenses) less 1/2 for shekolim	\$750	
Subvention from Z.O.A.	2000	2750
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BALANCE NEEDED		\$ 7250

No. of chapters--14, representing  
membership of 750. Expected  
increase in membership on basis of  
above budget, 1500. The 14 chapters  
represent over 30 universities and  
colleges.

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Dear Mr Rosenblat

I wonder whether Mr Lipsky told you about the N.F. director, Dr Abramovitz the whole story; now, I want ~~to~~ to add also about Dr Agranat, who is I am told, still in the service of the Zion Commonwealth.

Dr Abram was already engaged as manager of the N.F. when he went to Palestine to look for land for the privat Co. of land speculation he organised in Chicago. When Mr Lipsky was last in Chicago at the campagne Conference, Dr Abr. went with him, as if also to attend the same meetings, but in reality, - to be the guest of honor at the privat house of Dr Agranat, where a Reception was given, and where business of land buying and selling were discussed.. The Director stoped of course at the Blackstone, spending two weeks on his "lecture tour" and and will present a handsome bill to the N.F. treasury for expences... when he knew pretty well already, that Mr Conheim, that the West will have nothing to do with D. Abram. and no lectures or meetings can be arranged..

Dr Agranat, - the Directors associate, - does the business of PRIVAT land selling through an agent, who sends the customers to Dr Agranovich for Consultation as a privat individual who is not at all interested in the matter, but who knows well Palestine.. and the Director has an agreement with a Synagogue, to "run over" several times a year, - to give a Sermon.. This will be done of course, under the guise of N.F. activities and expence!..

Now, Mr Rosenblat, what you are going to do with the agent of the Commonwealth, is of course your business and I have no right to interfere, but I am concerned with the Director; I was asked by the Head Office, to assist them in every way in the work of the N.F., during my short stay in the States, and the Zionist Office here received instructions to this effect, but I was cleared off the way, stupidly, viciously rejecting the offer of my service; I was puzzled why, till I came to Chicago

Now, this Dr, is a thorough discredited man, and I was told directly dangerous in his way of intrigues and machinations.

I insist that this man should be asked to look for an other place; he will not be lost as he is a very good business man. The N.F. cannot afford to risk the good name and confidence it gained in the last years.

If steps in this direction will not be taken, I will send a letter to the press.

Yours sincerely

Bella Reysner

x send to Mr Lipsky

At this Reception, not a single Zionist was invited

From the Zionist Organization of America, 114-5th Ave., N. Y.

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IF NOT NOW - WHEN?

( Concerning Jewish Education in America)

By CHAIM NACHMAN BIALIK

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The deepest satisfaction I have had in the course of my sojourn with the Jews of America has been the opportunity to witness an effective revival of interest in Jewish culture and the inauguration of a large scale movement for the promotion of Jewish education.

American Jewry is beginning to find itself. American Jewry is beginning to realize that it cannot live by bread alone and while it is true that "if there is no bread there is no Torah" it is even more true that if there is no Torah there is no life.

The essence of a people is the culture that expresses its spirit. The culture of a people is the mirror in which its soul is reflected. It is the record of its innermost strivings towards self-realization. A people is great and rich only through the wealth of its culture. A great American writer declared that Jewish creative artists and thinkers will only be brilliant imitators of Western culture until they awaken to the realization that the source of their greatness lies within them and in the treasures of their Jewish heritage. Once they ignore this personality-moulding heritage they cease being interesting because they cease being authentic.

Ralph Waldo Emerson, the greatest American philosopher, recognized that what makes a people worth while is its distinctive individuality. He compares humanity to a mighty symphonic orchestra the choirs of which, different and unique from one another, blend to create the divinest harmonies. Can American Jewry afford to cast off its cultural heritage? I am told that other American thinkers, Prof. John Dewey among them, in interpreting American democracy, advocate the continued cultural creativeness, along its own lines, of each national group in America.

American Jewry just receive its spiritual sustenance from the common Jewish source. Needless to point out that American Jewry will realize itself in a richer and more varied life, if its eyes are turned steadfastly towards Palestine. What Palestine is ready to give the Jews of America have now become ripe to take.

There can be only one Balfour Declaration to kindle the imagination of the Jewish people, but recognizing the necessity of a Jewish National Home in Palestine does not yet mean possessing the will to build it. A plant must have the proper soil in order to grow. The only soil in which the will to build Palestine can take root is a deep-seated Jewish culture. It will then be an unconscious, inevitable perception rising from the deepest well of the human mind and soul.

The tragic rift between Jewish children and parents in America is, no doubt, directly traceable to the different cultural worlds in which they live. A child accepts the standards of the majority. He is intolerant and contemptuous of minorities. He despises what he doesn't know and doesn't understand. The solution for the rift is the cultural rapprochement of the two generations. Let the child drink at the fountain from which his father has been nourished and the rift will be healed. A community of four million Jews, living in peace and prosperity, ought to be able to solve this problem. One would have to despair of the Jewish future, were one to believe that such a community would be content to live on in a state of cultural backwardness and were willing to see its cultural heritage become dissipated and lost. It must become clear that no Jew, however deeply he may have drunk at the wells of other cultures, can be considered educated and cultured unless he has first drunk at his own.

I see Jewish life in this country growing and branching out, becoming a multiform complex and yet preserving an inherent unity. Such a life must have leadership. It must have a fountain of guidance and inspiration. What sort of leaders will America develop? This, it seems to me, is the first essential of every leader: that he must be aware of his people's line of march. He must know its history, he must understand the motives that have been the mainsprings of its deeds. A Jew who is not versed in all of these things cannot be a Jewish leader. Let the Jewry of America look to its future and begin with the young.

The Hebrew Schools and Talmud Torahs, functioning as they are now for a few hours in the afternoon, cannot fulfill their purpose. The child naturally places such a school, as well as its teachings, in an inferior category as against other schools. A real Jewish educational system consists of schools that command the best energies of the child and inspire his respect. We must improve educational methods and text books. There must also be an intensification of cultural work among adults. There should be a continuous stream of Jewish books and periodicals in Hebrew, Yiddish and English. Jewish life is teeming with creative talent which must be brought back to the soil in which it can take root; for this is the common experience that whoever runs away from himself will lose himself without finding anything else.

The Jewish educational problem has moved in a charmed circle. On the one hand, there has always been a realization of its importance; on the other hand, there has been a sort of paralysis of the will for its solution. "If you are not for yourselves who will be for you? And if not now, - when?"



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